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On left, Prince William, Earl Spencer and Prince Harry stand by the gun carriage with the coffin of Diana, Princess of Wales yesterday in London. (Reuters)

Britain says goodbye to Diana

By TED ANTHONY

LONDON (AP) — A pop star sang in the abbey of monarchs and reduced the congregation to tears. An earl turned personal eulogy into worldwide bully pulpit. And a boy born to be king walked behind his young mother's casket, a legion of charitable commoners behind him.

For Britain, yesterday was by all accounts an unparalleled, elegiac day — not because of tradition, but in spite of it.

"The past was buried along with Princess Diana today," said Judy Wade, royal reporter for Hello!, a celebrity magazine.

Of all the adjectives heaped upon Diana this past week, one resurfaced incessantly: unique. Even Buckingham Palace had planned a funeral "befitting her unique status."

Never in Britain's history had events unfolded like yesterday, when the final tribute to a beautiful, beloved princess became a bellwether for public attitudes — indeed, possibly for the monarchy itself.

The list of breaks with tradition was formidable.

Movie stars, aristocrats and ordinary citizens straddled pews and sympathies at Westminster Abbey, a royal sanctuary for 900 years. Near where Elizabeth I's remains lie, Elton

John reworked a pop song into a magnificent dirge, and thousands sang along outside. Hundreds of millions more watched on television, and a populist prime minister read a Bible verse on behalf of the people.

And, of course, the most visually dramatic: the sight of

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500 people, some handicapped, representing Diana's favorite charities and tilting a semi-state funeral squarely in the direction of the commoner.

"They made this public, and they made it private, too," said Allan Brown, 50, of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Britons found that a week of public grief had made them question some very basic foundations of their society.

Earl Spencer understood that — and exploited it with his words. Diana's brother remembered her by underscoring his anger at the press and, more significantly, taking aim at the monarchy, which had stripped her of Her Royal Highness designation.

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Nation stunned by loss of 11 commandos in raid

One missing, presumed dead, as IDF inquiry begins

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

A stunned IDF is doing some heavy soul-searching to find out how Hizbullah succeeded in wiping out nearly an entire force of naval commandos during a botched raid in south Lebanon early Friday, that left 11 dead and one missing and presumed killed.

Hizbullah gloated over its victory, showing off mutilated bodies and calling the battle a grave defeat for Israel.

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said the IDF is "in pain."

He appointed OC Home Front Command Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ofir to head an investigation into the failed operation. Navy and air force representatives will also be in the committee, which must examine not only the planning of the attack, but the possibility of an intelligence leak.

"We will examine everything connected with this operation to learn what is needed, so that we can ensure the security of the residents of the North," Shahak said.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said over the weekend that the IDF's "method of operation in Lebanon will come under stringent review," although the basic policy of remaining in Lebanon "as long as the North is endangered will not change."

European Union envoy Miguel Moratinos telephoned cabinet secretary Dan Naveh and Foreign Ministry Director-General Eytan Bentsur last night and passed on a message from Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri that Lebanon is interested in lowering the tension in the region.

What began as a pinpoint operation suddenly exploded into a fierce battle to survive a death trap, when a 16-man force of the naval commandos was ambushed as it approached its target just after midnight. They had landed by the sea and were nearing the end of their three-kilometer approach to the village of Ansariya, between Sidon and Tyre, when a Hizbullah-laid bomb blew apart the squad. A rain of gunfire cut down those who were not wounded in the explosion.

Two more bombs were said to have gone off, possibly charges carried on the backs of commandos.

The battle was short, with Hizbullah gunmen being joined by members of Amal, Lebanese Army troops, and even some civilians. Of the 16 raiders, 10 were killed, including the force commander, four were wounded, one seriously, and one was missing.

The sole unscathed commando radioed for evacuation. A rescue squad immediately set off for the site of the ambush in a helicopter, but only reached it about half an hour later. IAF attack helicopters



The mother of IDF commando Gal Rodovsky, killed with 10 of his comrades early Friday morning in Lebanon, hugs his sister at his funeral later that day in Herzliya. (AP)

flew air cover and rocketed terrorists and Lebanese Army positions around the ambush site. Two Lebanese army soldiers, four Amal, and two Hizbullah fighters were wounded, Lebanese security sources said.

As the CH-53 Yasur helicopter landed with the rescue force, guerrillas in an approaching car opened fire, hitting it but not causing significant damage. IDF troops returned fire, riddling the car and killing at least one passenger, military sources said.

A Lebanese Army statement said civilians took part in the clashes, and said the fighting killed a woman and a young girl and wounded six other civilians.

Under intense gunfire, the rescue squad succeeded in loading most of the wounded and dead,

but its field doctor, Maj. Dagesh Maher, of Maghar, was killed. The damaged helicopter took off, but made an emergency inspection landing once it crossed the border. It then continued directly to Haifa's Rambam Hospital. President Ezer Weizman visited the wounded later in the day.

In the chaos, efforts were made to extract all the commandos and all body parts, but not all were found. Third Petty Officer Itamar Ilyia is missing and presumed dead. Under instructions from the highest echelons, a small force remained behind to search the area of the ambush, but to no avail. At 4:30, just before dawn, the order was given to evacuate.

"From reports in Lebanon we have received, it appears body parts were found," a solemn

Shahak told military reporters Friday afternoon. He said it would have been very complicated for Hizbullah to have known the route of the IDF force, but could not rule it out.

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Throughout the battle, Shahak and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai joined OC Navy Adm. Alex Tal at navy headquarters.

Mordechai said that the purpose of the raid was to hit at Hizbullah deep in Lebanon, and that it was ordered despite the risk. "All the risks were taken into account and it seemed correct to take the action," Mordechai told Channel 2.

In Lebanon, the battlefield was clouded with smoke from smoldering bushes. One gunman held up the head of a dead commando for photographers, before a Lebanese soldier intervened. At a news conference in Beirut,

Hizbullah displayed parts of the dead commandos, along with captured weapons, detonators, and swimming flippers.

Hizbullah secretary-general Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah said the group is holding no Israeli prisoners and warned Israeli soldiers not to set foot in Lebanon.

"Any town you decide to come to, you will not only find the alert eyes of guerrillas watching you, but bombs planted in the ground, in the walls, and in trees," he said. "What happened was a grave defeat for Israel and a major morale and human loss for Israel's military establishment."

Netanyahu told reporters Friday that "this is a day of heavy sorrow and redoubled bereavement for the people of Israel. In a vile attack in Jerusalem, we lost the flower of our daughters and sons, and last night in Lebanon, we lost 11 of our best fighters."

"The State of Israel is caught up on two fronts in a tough and bitter struggle against despicable terrorists, whose only desire is to destroy the State of Israel and to murder its citizens."

While officials would not divulge the target of the raid, Lebanese sources said that the objective was the kidnapping of an Amal leader. This could not be confirmed.

Friday's raid victims

Naval commandos:
 Cmdr. Yosef Korakin, 32, of Michmoret.
 Lt.-Cmdr. Dr. Yitzhak Ben-Tov, 28, of Kfar Sava.
 Lt. Raz Levinas, 22, of Mevasseret Zion.
 Lt. Tzvi Grossman, 21, of Tel Aviv.
 2PO Ron Tabbi, 21, of Rishon LeZion.
 2PO Arze Abramson, 22, of Yarmiel.
 2PO Yonatan Hillberg, 22, of Meizer Hazzani.
 3PO Guy Golan, 21, of Kibbutz Hatzor.
 3PO Gal Rodovsky, 20, of Herzliya.
 3PO Yaniv Shameli, 20, of Kiryat Haim.
 Maj. Dagesh Maher, 26, of Maghar, a doctor in the rescue unit.
 Missing and presumed dead is 3PO Itamar Ilyia, of Arad.

Arison wins Hapoalim tender according to NIS 11.2b. value

By DAN GERSTENFELD

An investors group led by Israeli-American businessman Ted Arison won the tender to buy Bank Hapoalim, it was announced on Friday.

The announcement was made by Meir Yaacovson, managing director of MI Holdings, the state-owned company which oversees the sale of the banks.

The group had agreed to pay the government NIS 4.8 billion for 43 percent of the bank. The bid values Hapoalim at NIS 11.2b., which is 18 percent higher than its market value.

Yaacovson said that in addition, the consortium also took an 18-month option to buy an additional 21.5% at the same price.

If the group exercises the option, it will own about 64.5% of the bank. In this case, the government will continue to hold 5%, while workers hold 7%. The remaining shares are traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

The winning group is led by Arison, the founder of the Miami-based cruise ship operator Carnival Corp. His partners include the Dankner family; Len Abramson, the founder of US Healthcare Inc.; veteran Wall Street financier Michael Steinhardt; Charles Shusterman; and Hyperion Capital Management.

Arison backed out of a previous tender for the bank last year, after some Americans in his group got nervous after the election of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. At the time, the group also included George Soros, Goldman Sachs, and the Claridge group, which left last month after it bought a controlling share in Koor Industries.

The sale marks a turning point in the shape of the local banking industry, and in the privatization process. Hapoalim, with some \$2.5b. in equity, more than 11,700 employees and nearly \$50b. in assets, is the country's largest bank.

It was nationalized, along with most of the banking industry, in the aftermath of the 1983 capital-market crisis.

The government still owns Bank Leumi and Israel Discount Bank — the second and third largest — although it sold portions of both on the stock market earlier this year. Last May the government also sold its remaining stake in United Mizrahi Bank to Moshe Wertheim and Yuli Ofer.

The Arison group beat out a rival consortium led by Jeffrey Keil and Eliezer Fishman, which offered to buy 40% of the Bank. MI Holdings declined to say how much the group offered.

The agreement with the Arison group must be ratified by the Treasury and the Knesset Finance Committee.

Little progress in probe of Ben-Yehuda bombings

By STEVE RODAN and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Little progress has been made in the investigation of the triple suicide bombings on Jerusalem's Rehov Ben-Yehuda, security officials said, although they have established a clear link between the attack and the July 30 bombings in Mahaneh Yehuda.

Police officials said Hamas was responsible for both attacks, in which the same types of explosives, detonators and operating methods were used.

By late Friday a news blackout was imposed on most details of the investigation.

"Unfortunately, we aren't any closer to understanding the key questions of both bombings," a senior security source told *The Jerusalem Post*. "The questions are the identities of the terrorists and exactly who sent them."

The source said the Palestinian Authority was cooperating in the investigation. But he described the

cooperation as meager and the result of US pressure on Yasser Arafat, who holds a three-way summit today with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Jordan's King Hussein, in advance of US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's visit Wednesday.

"It is a matter of too little, too late," the source said. "But compared to the Mahaneh Yehuda bombing, I suppose you can say they are doing something now."

Israeli authorities are operating on two levels, security sources said. IDF sweeps are trying to nab as many Islamic militants as possible in Areas B and C, parts of the West Bank which are still under partial or complete IDF control. At the same time, the General Security Service is trying to get the PA to interrogate Hamas leaders believed to have fled to Palestinian-ruled towns.

Security officials said they had information indicating Hamas was planning more attacks. They said

they are taking seriously Hamas warnings they would commit more suicide bombings by September 14, unless Israel released Palestinian prisoners.

Hamas leader Abdul Aziz Rantisi told Israeli reporters that he justified the suicide bombings as "a defense of the land and nation." He said Islamic law permits such attacks.

Rantisi said the PA was acting wisely by not carrying out mass arrests of Hamas activists. He said the arrest on Thursday night of two Hamas leaders in the West Bank, Jamal Mansour of Nablus and Mohammed Muslih of Ramallah, were unjustified. He said they were not connected to the bombings.

Last night, however, Rantisi claimed he was misquoted and would not talk anymore to "Jewish journalists. This just brings me problems from the Israeli side," he told the *Post*.

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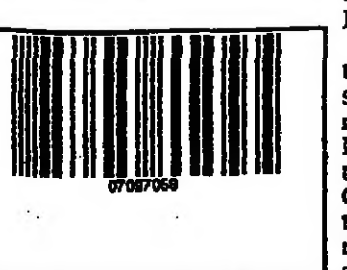


Mother Teresa dies

Mother Teresa, the Roman Catholic nun revered for her tireless dedication to the world's most wretched, died Friday surrounded by grieving sisters of her order. She was 87.

Her successor, Sister Nirmala, told reporters that Mother Teresa died of a heart attack. Sister Nirmala said the funeral will be held on Wednesday.

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Prince Harry (right) and Prince William look at the coffin of Diana after it was placed into a hearse yesterday. (Reuters)

Tearful Britain bids Young princes display great courage, dreadful poignancy

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana's two sons, their faces solemn and heads bowed, walked behind her coffin to Westminster Abbey yesterday in a display of great courage and dreadful poignancy.

Their father, Prince Charles, had left it until the last minute for Prince William, 15, and Prince Harry, 12, to decide for themselves if they could face the ordeal of following the coffin on foot before a watching world.

Both boys lined up outside Buckingham Palace with Charles, their grandfather, Prince Philip, and Diana's only brother, Earl Spencer, to walk the last 1.6 kilometers of the procession.

Atop the coffin were three wreaths of white flowers, one from each of the boys and one from Diana's brother.

Sticking out of the smallest was a card that read simply "Mummy."

William, who bears a strong resemblance to his mother with his lanky legs and shy smile, clasped his hands in front of him and mostly kept his head down as the five-trailed the gun carriage bearing the

princess' coffin.

Harry, clasping and unclasping his hands, either looked down or straight ahead as they passed the crowds pressed against the barricades in royal London.

At the entrance to the abbey, Earl Spencer put a guiding hand, first behind Harry, then William, before they walked down the aisle behind the coffin.

While the princes retained their composure in public, Elton John's tribute to Diana brought tears to both their eyes.

John rewrote his 1973 tribute to Marilyn Monroe, "Candle in the Wind," to honor Diana, replacing the opening line "Goodbye Norma Jean" with "Goodbye England's rose."

When John sang the words "your candle burned out long before your legend ever will," Harry buried his face in his hands and sobbed quietly. And William was tearful when John sang: "All our words cannot express the joy you brought us through the years." William was also visibly moved once more at the end of his uncle's emotional tribute.

Spencer, 33, pledged to Diana that his family, while respecting the princes' royal heritage, would seek to protect their privacy and stop them being swallowed up in royal protocol.

On Friday, the young princes returned with their father from seclusion at Balmoral, the queen's Scottish castle, and walked among mourners, thanking them with grateful smiles and great composure, outside Kensington Palace.

Until now, the boys have been relatively shielded from publicity, although on vacations with their mother they, too, were chased by the paparazzi.

After a recent confrontation with photographers, Diana said William got "freaked out" by the pressure.

Both of the princes are studying at boarding school.

William is about to start his third year at Eton.

Harry, who will be having his 13th birthday on September 15, is in his last year at the Ludgrove school in Berkshire, west of London.

Funeral for driver abruptly postponed

By DEBORAH SEWARD

LORIENT, France (AP) — As the world grieved for Diana yesterday, the funeral of the driver killed with her — accused by French officials of being drunk — was abruptly postponed.

A note, written by hand in blue ink on a piece of white typing paper, was posted on the door of the church where services were to be held yesterday morning.

"The burial of Monsieur Henri Paul has been postponed," the two-sentence note said. "The day and time are not yet known."

A few small groups of mourners arrived throughout the morning at St. Therese church in Lorient.

A florist drove up to deliver a large bouquet of yellow lilies with a card addressed to Paul, but then left after reading the note.

One possible reason for the postponement is the reported demand of the family of Dodi Fayed, the princess' boyfriend who was also killed in the crash, for another blood test to determine the level of alcohol in Paul's blood at the time of the accident.

Judicial sources have said an initial test showed a level of 1.75 grams per liter of blood, and a later one showed 1.82. The legal limit is 0.5.

Another reason may have been heavy media focus on Paul, 41, who was the No. 2 security officer at the Ritz Hotel.

Paul's friends in this port in western France closed ranks behind him yesterday, saying he wasn't a big drinker.

Philippe Proust, who runs a bowling alley Paul used to visit, said his friend played squash and tennis and loved to ride motorcycles and fly planes.

"He was a nice fellow. He wasn't a drinker. That's just the English papers trying to get somebody," said Proust, who knew Paul for more than 15 years.

"He's a guy who didn't drink a lot. This is just a big attempt to dirty his name. It's a terrible

thing," said Annie, 48, who said she went to school with him. She would not give her last name.

Francoise Griveux, a housewife, said she decided to attend the funeral out of solidarity with Paul's family.

"We're having a really hard time dealing with this. It was so brutal," she said.

While Princess Diana was front-page news in the rest of the world, readers in Lorient had to look hard to read about the death of the princess, Fayed, and Paul.

Ouest France, Brittany's biggest daily, put news of Diana on page four, with a one-paragraph mention of Paul on page 15, while the local daily, Le Telegramme, had only a line on him in yesterday's edition.

Residents of Lorient appeared rather indifferent to Diana's funeral.

The Rotonde was the only cafe on the main square to have the television switched on during her funeral, broadcast live on French TV.

Not one person watched the ceremony.

Paul was born July 3, 1956 in Lorient, a military and fishing port 500 kilometers west of Paris.

After serving in the French air force, he joined the Ritz in 1986.

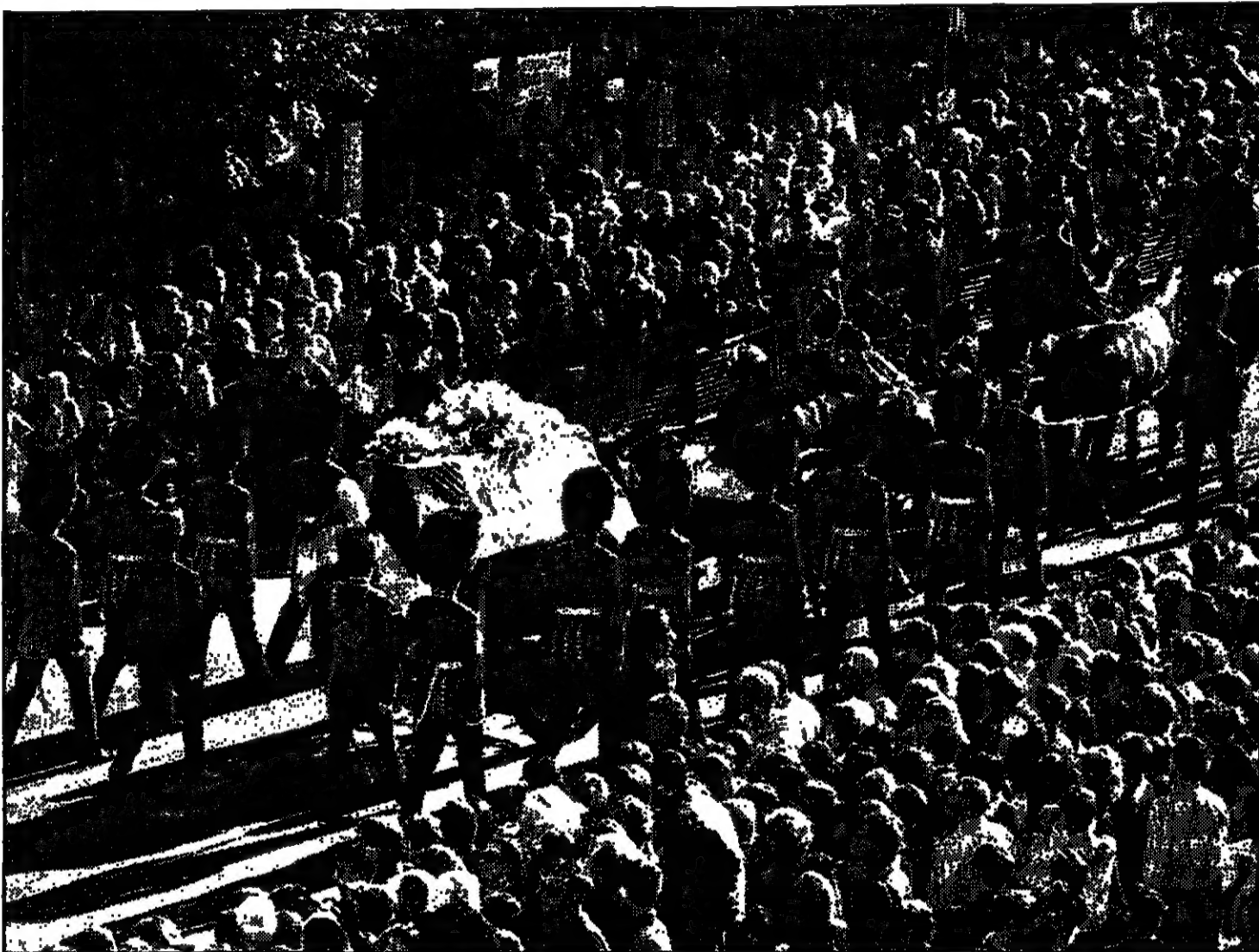
Paul's parents live in a modest two-story pink house on a cul-de-sac in a working-class neighborhood.

Over the past few days, neighbors have shouted abuse at journalists and television cameramen who tried to approach the house, which has been shuttered up.

The families of both Princess Diana and Fayed have blamed paparazzi trailing Diana's Mercedes on the night of the crash for her death.

Nine photographers and a motorcyclist have been named suspects for manslaughter and failing to aid victims of an accident.

They have not yet been formally charged, and the investigation could take weeks or even longer.



Soldiers accompany the flag-draped casket of Princess Diana from Kensington Palace as mourners line the route to Westminster Abbey yesterday. (Reuters)

Queen breaks tradition, praises Diana in rare televised address

By MAUREEN JOHNSON

LONDON (AP) — Shattering protocol to appease her subjects, Queen Elizabeth II spoke to them on Friday "as your queen and as a grandmother" in a deeply personal address praising Princess Diana.

Instead of the ornate backdrop of a state room, the queen spoke standing before a first-floor window of Buckingham Palace, with crowds of mourners visible behind her in the boulevard leading to the palace.

The brief broadcast, her first live televised address in her 45 years as queen, was a clear attempt to reach out to ordinary people — the trait that made her

former daughter-in-law the royals' superstar.

And many among the crowds, whose outpourings of emotion had surprised the royal family and their tradition-conscious aides, indeed were mollified — or, at least, gave her credit for trying.

"I think it was about time," said mourner Yvonne Titman, a Londoner waiting outside Westminster Abbey, the site of Diana's funeral yesterday. "We needed direction, and that's what she gave us."

"She definitely sounded sincere. She made us feel we are all as one," said Eileen Connell of Cumbria, in northwest England. The queen, who returned to

London on Friday from Scotland, approached a number of bystanders crowded along barricades outside Buckingham Palace and shook hands with them.

Commonly in meeting the public, the queen holds a bouquet, keeping her hands out of reach of her people. In her address, the queen — who had personally urged Prince Charles and Diana to divorce after each admitted adultery in TV interviews, and who had stripped Diana of the title Her Royal Highness — avoided talk either of love or of rifts.

"I admired and respected her — for her energy and commitment to others, and especially for her devotion to her two boys," the monarch said.

"We have all been trying in our different ways to cope," she said, an apparent reference to the stinging criticism of the royal family's withdrawal after Diana's death.

"It is not easy to express a sense of loss, since the initial shock is often succeeded by a mixture of other feelings: disbelief, incomprehension, anger — and concern for those who remain."

The queen spoke of comforting Diana's sons, Prince William, and Prince Harry. Commentators mingled admiration with surprise. "Is Diana's legacy to have humanized the crown?" Britain's Channel 4 wondered.

'Dodi brought Diana joy again

LONDON (Reuters) — Dodi Fayed, Princess Diana's companion who died at her side, was remembered at her funeral.

As his grief-stricken father, Harrods owner Mohammed Fayed, and his wife sat among the 2,000-strong congregation in Westminster Abbey, Diana's brother spoke of her happy final days.

"I would like to end by thanking God for the small mercies he has shown us at this dreadful time, for taking Diana at her most beautiful and radiant and when she had joy in her private life," an emotional Earl Charles Spencer said in a moving eulogy.

The man responsible for that joy, who shared the last weeks, days and minutes of Diana's life, and appeared to have brought her renewed happiness, was Dodi Fayed.

In accordance with Moslem tradition, the Egyptian-born millionaire, 41, was buried within 24 hours of the Paris car crash early on Sunday morning, but Spencer's well-chosen words ensured that he was also remembered along with Diana yesterday.

Photographs of the couple kissing and cuddling during their holiday together in the Mediterranean the week before they died seemed to be proof that Diana had found the love she had lacked since the collapse of her marriage to Prince Charles.

Diana had exercised the utmost discretion with all her previous friendships, going to great lengths to shield them from the prying eyes of the paparazzi, but with Dodi she seemed to abandon caution to the winds.

Neither cared who knew about their affection for each other.

Although their relationship only became public knowledge in July, people who knew Diana claim the couple had been together much longer.

"Few people knew it, but Diana and Dodi had been together since last November... She was truly happy with him, she knew she had found the companion she had been seeking for a lifetime," supermodel Cindy Crawford, who said she was a friend of the princess, recalled.

Jason Fraser, a photographer for the top-selling Sun newspaper, said the couple seemed to let go completely when they were together.

"They were like a couple who have known each other for years rather than one setting out on a romance," he said after photographing them.

The royal correspondent for the Daily Mail newspaper, Richard Kay, in whom the princess often confided, confirmed that the relationship was serious.

Until news of the romance broke, little was known about the businessman and Hollywood producer who newspapers speculated would have become Diana's husband had they lived.

"Dodi said they were deeply in love and that the relationship was serious and they have decided to get married," Hussein Yassin, a relative of Dodi, was quoted as saying.

The eldest son of the Harrods owner, Dodi grew up in Egypt and was educated in Switzerland. His mother, Samira, was the sister of Saudi billionaire Adnan Kashoggi. He was not a part of the British "establishment", had a taste for the good life and before Diana had a string of girlfriends.

We shall always cherish the memory of our beloved sister and aunt

ELEANOR ABRAMSON

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farewell to Diana



Elton John sings his specially rewritten version of 'Candle in the Wind' during Princess Diana's funeral yesterday. (AP)

Goodbye England's rose

By MAUREEN JOHNSON

LONDON (AP) — With timeless splendor, in a sea of tears and a brother's rage, Britain bade farewell yesterday to its "queen of hearts," a million mourners seeing Diana, Princess of Wales, to her final rest after a life of golden days, heartache and too few years.

Hushed throngs — more than a million people by police estimate — strained to see the coffin pass to and from Westminster Abbey, small showers of flowers marking the progress of the cortege.

Thousands upon thousands of others followed the service on giant television screens.

The people, with their flowers, waited all along the 124 kilometer route to her final resting place at Althorp, the Spencer family home northwest of London.

The hearse — covered with bouquets tossed along the way — rolled through the pillared gates of Althorp Park, Northamptonshire.

Only 10 people were expected to participate in the final ceremonies, the British news agency

Press Association said. They were Diana's brother Earl Spencer, her two sisters and their husbands, Prince Charles, Prince William, Prince Harry, Diana's mother, Frances Shand Kydd, and Diana's butler, Paul Burrell.

As the hearse passed, two uniformed police officers shut the gates of the estate, and Diana's family took her into the privacy she had often craved.

On a day of high emotion, people crowded onto overpasses or just stopped in the south-bound lanes of the M-1 freeway to see the hearse pass.

Prince William, 15, and Prince Harry, 12, had walked the last 1.5 kms. to the church behind the coffin of their 36-year-old mother, killed in a Paris automobile accident six days earlier. Prince Charles, who divorced Diana just a year ago, was with them.

In a bitter eulogy from the pulpit of Westminster Abbey, Diana's brother, the 9th Earl Spencer, savaged the newspapers and paparazzi which had pursued her in life, even to its last hour.

"I don't think she ever understood why her genuinely good

intentions were sneered at by the media, why there appeared to be a permanent quest on their behalf to bring her down. It is baffling."

Holding himself within a tone of rage under steely control, Spencer said: "Genuine goodness is threatening to those at the opposite end of the moral spectrum."

Diana's effortless popularity, which had troubled the royal family in life, humbled it in death. Britons astonished themselves with a remarkable outpouring of grief and affection.

The nation fell silent at 12:06 p.m. local time as the echoes absorbed the final strains from the abbey choir: "Come, enjoy rewards and crowns I have prepared for you."

Within the abbey's ancient walls, ranks of royals and celebrities and hundreds of ordinary people whose lives felt her human touch gathered to hear praise and prayer for Diana.

There was a prayer as well for Dodi Fayed, 42, the man who died with her.

"Diana profoundly influenced this nation and the world,"

declared Westminster's dean, The Very Rev. Wesley Carr.

"Although a princess, she was someone for whom, from afar, we dared to feel affection."

The tenor bell at Westminster Abbey tolled once every minute as six light Irish draught horses from The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery set off from Kensington Palace at 9:08 a.m. local time with the gun carriage bearing a coffin covered with flowers and shrouded in the monarch's flag, the Royal Standard.

The coffin was covered with white lilies from her brother and sisters, white tulips from William and white spray roses from Harry, whose card said: "Mummy."

Behind the princes were representatives of 110 charities associated with Diana. Some of those were in wheelchairs, some in nurses' white dresses and the uniforms of other caring professions.

The controlled sorrow of the aristocracy — the "stiff upper lip" that provoked so much hostile comment against the royal family during the week — was very much in evidence in the readings by Diana's sisters, Lady Sarah McCorquodale and Lady Jane Fellowes, and in Prime Minister Tony Blair's reading of St. Paul's words on love.

Amid the sorrowful tones of Bach, Verdi and Purcell in the abbey, the 2,000 mourners also heard a grieving pop tribute from Diana's friend Elton John.

"Goodbye England's rose," he sang, "... your candle's burned out long before your legend ever will." Sobs and anguished cries of "Diana!" were heard from a crowd which included every age, race and condition of British society, and some people tossed flowers at the coffin as it passed.

But silence dominated, broken only by the clop of hooves and the tolling of the bell.

As the day broke, sunny and cool, central London was jammed along the 5.5 km. procession route. Some stood all night to claim prime places outside palaces and the abbey.

Following increasingly vehement complaints by the tabloids and some of the public about the isolation of the royal family, Queen Elizabeth II on Friday shattered royal protocol by making her first live, televised address since the early days of her 45-year reign to pay tribute to her former daughter-in-law, describing her as a "remarkable person" whose memory would be cherished.

Diana herself had once said she aspired most of all to be "a queen in people's hearts." Among the 2,000 guests gathered for the 45-minute funeral were US first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, celebrity friends of Diana from the worlds of entertainment and fashion, and many others who had known her kindness.

Supermarkets and museums closed yesterday and many sporting events were canceled.

To the end, fame dogged Diana. Her burial place was separated from 20 generations of Spencers buried in the village church at Great Brington, near her ancestral home, for fear the hamlet would become overrun with sightseers and tourists.



Thousands of mourners lining up in North London to catch sight of the hearse shower the car with flowers, forcing the driver to use windshield wipers to see where he is going. (AP)

Diana's brother attacks press in eulogy

By MAUREEN JOHNSON

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana's brother electrified her funeral yesterday by accusing newspapers of hunting her and pledging that his family would protect her sons from a royal tradition in which she felt suffocated.

Earl Spencer's scathing oration in Westminster Abbey provided explosive material for debates which will rage on and on about individual's rights against aggressive coverage, and the future of the royal family.

"A girl given the name of the ancient goddess of hunting was, in the end, the most hunted person of the modern age," Spencer, 33, said at Westminster Abbey where Queen Elizabeth II and other royals were among the chief mourners.

Referring to Prince William and Prince Harry, Spencer promised his sister: "We will not allow them to suffer the anguish that used regularly to drive you to tearful despair." Outside, hundreds of thousands of people lining the streets clapped and cheered.

As the sound of the people's applause trickled into the hushed abbey, many of the 2,000 invited mourner applauded, too.

Spencer's oration reflected a loathing of the tabloid press which preceded his sister's death. His problems with the press over his own failed marriage and affairs haven't ended with flight to South Africa.

The day Diana was killed, Spencer accused editors who bought intrusive pictures of having "blood on their hands." He banned editors of seven British tabloids from the funeral although Buckingham Palace had invited them.

Diana's attitude toward the media was more complex. Though she often complained about paparazzi photog-

rappers following her everywhere, she had friendly relations with some of the newspapers her brother had banned from the funeral.

On the night of her death, she had telephoned *Daily Mail* reporter Richard Kay before going off to dinner with her new millionaire boyfriend, Dodi Fayed.

Spencer's tirade was also the most public signal that Diana's family resents her treatment by the royals.

"It was quite extraordinary," said royal biographer Douglas Kay. "They (the Spencers) feel that perhaps the way the royal family treated Diana was reprehensible ... they didn't protect her. But, on the other hand, Diana didn't want to be protected."

Spencer, the 9th earl, emigrated to South Africa in 1996 after a series of run-ins with tabloids over stories about an extramarital affair and his wife's treatment in an addiction center for eating disorders and other problems. His wife, Victoria, and their four children live apart from him in Cape Town and he now has another girlfriend.

Hitting an even more sensitive note, Spencer promised Diana that his family, while respecting the young prince's royal role, will try to ensure they are not swallowed up in protocol and formality.

"I pledge that we, your blood family, will do all we can to continue the imaginative way in which you were steering these two exceptional young men, so that their souls are not simply immersed by duty and tradition but can sing openly as you planned," he said.

Diana, in contrast to her in-laws, would hug sick people on official engagements, cuddle her sons in public, and talk openly about her emotional problems.

When she and Prince Charles were divorced a year ago, Queen Elizabeth II stripped her of the title Her Royal Highness.



Mourners line along Whitehall pray and hold candles as the funeral procession makes its way toward Westminster Abbey in London yesterday. (AP)

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Hizbullah: We have remains of commando

Netanyahu doesn't rule out an exchange

By DAVID RUDGE
and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Hizbullah and its Shi'ite rival, the Amal movement, have announced that they are both holding parts of the body of the IDF commando missing following the abortive raid in Lebanon early Friday morning in which 11 others were killed.

Hizbullah officials made it clear they would try to make use of the body parts to arrange an exchange for Lebanese held by Israel and the South Lebanese Army.

Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah held a press conference on Friday several hours after the incident near Ansariya village, roughly midway between the port cities of Tyre and Sidon.

As Lebanese soldiers displayed a crushed head presumed to be that of missing navy commando Itamar Ilyan, both the Hizbullah leader and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

suggested a deal could be worked out to retrieve his remains. Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak rejected the idea that the IDF had abandoned one of its fundamental principles: not to leave wounded and dead on the battlefield at any price.

"I am not familiar with the term 'at any price,'" Shahak told military reporters. "Everything has a price. There needed to be and there was a great effort to find the missing and the force searched for a relatively extended period of time... for the missing soldier. The force was under fire at the time."

Shahak said the IDF called off the search at first light in order not to further endanger the force.

"We have a missing soldier. The Lebanese have parts of the body. We see the Lebanese government as the one responsible for returning the missing soldier," Shahak said.

Labor MK and former OC

Northern Command Ori Orr agreed that the decision to call off the search at dawn was correct. "I don't think this is a blow to principle, but a correct understanding of when the principle ceases to be a principle and becomes a problem which can kill even more people," Orr said.

Hizbullah and Israel are no strangers to the body-trade business. Last summer, working through a German mediator, Israel released 45 detainees for the remains of IDF soldiers Rahamin Alsheikh and Yosef Fink held by Hizbullah.

In Beirut, Nasrallah told a news conference that his fighters had found body parts from two dead Israeli soldiers. "We have parts of bodies, including four legs and half a head... which we will make use of in the framework of future swaps," Nasrallah said.

In Jerusalem, Netanyahu said he would not rule out freeing detainees in negotiating a swap for the remains.

"We are considering all the possibilities... we deal with every soldier, even the ones who died, as something precious... and we have to provide a burial in Israel," Netanyahu said.

But analyst Dr. Yossi Olmert cautioned against rushing into a swap with Hizbullah.

"They feel victorious and like they are riding high. This kind of deal with these kind of conditions will be seen by them as further proof of the weakness of Israel and their strength," Olmert said.

At the Beirut press conference, Hizbullah also displayed equipment, including flippers, helmets, weapons, and pouches, reportedly left in the field by the IDF force. Such pictures are often screened on Israel television - of arms and ammunition abandoned by Hizbullah gunmen after clashes with IDF or SLA troops.

In his televised speech, a smiling Nasrallah praised Hizbullah's fighting arm, the

Islamic Resistance, and issued a warning to Israelis that they would only find death and sorrow in Lebanon.

Lebanon, he said, was a place where the Zionist enemy would not find "any solutions or choices... except leaving our land without profit, without any conditions, without agreements, and in disgrace, but with regret and sorrow in their hearts for all their losses."

"I say to the Israelis that every town, village, or place they try to reach in order to carry out attacks, they will find not just the eyes of the night guards, the bombs in the walls, the fences, the trees, and the ground. We are always alert, waiting in every valley, on every hill, and at every junction."

"Lebanon is not the place for cheap Israeli victories. Those days are finished."

Nasrallah revealed that Hizbullah had beefed up security since last month's successful operation by an elite Golani

Brigade unit in the region of Kfour village, northwest of Nabatiya, in which senior officials of the organization and gunmen were killed.

"Since the Kfour operation, we have been much more strict and much more careful - not only along our front lines, but also in the rear. We studied and learned from the Kfour operation."

"We learned that all our important units must be protected by roadside bombs."

Nasrallah maintained that the naval commando unit was hit by a big roadside bomb that the organization had planted in the plantations around Ansariya. A Lebanese woman and her young son were also reported killed in the crossfire during the fighting in the Ansariya area early Friday. Two Hizbullah gunmen and five from the Amal movement were reported to have been wounded, along with at least one Lebanese Army soldier.

Nasrallah made it clear that, although Hizbullah views the IDF operation as a breach of the Operation Grapes of Wrath understandings, the organization would not retaliate for the deaths of civilians by launching Katyusha rocket attacks on the Galilee, as it did last month.

"If we can kill 12 Israelis every time they breach the understandings, we will be satisfied with a mere complaint to the monitoring group," he said.

UNIFIL was contacted in an effort to recover the missing commando's body, but the effort was overtaken by Nasrallah's offer to trade. "Once it became a political issue and it was announced that the remains would be used for exchange purposes, there was nothing we could do," said spokesman Timor Goksel.

"If anything could have been done, it would have to have been before these issues became public. A lot of efforts were expended on this, but unfortunately they didn't work," he said.

ANALYSIS

No ideal solution to Lebanese quagmire

By BARRY RUBIN

Peace on the Lebanese border can only be achieved after a negotiated agreement with Syria. That's one of the few issues on which there is a consensus across the political spectrum.

But most also agree that reaching such a solution is very difficult, even if Israel gives far more than it is offering now.

In theory, Lebanon should exchange a quiet border for withdrawal. But Lebanon can do nothing until Syria gives permission.

With no diplomatic solution, Israel has only two alternatives: Continue a military presence in southern Lebanon or withdraw to the border if the Lebanese are willing or able to block cross-border attacks.

Both approaches have serious flaws. Continuing current policy means more soldiers dying, with

no guarantee that Katyushas will not again hit the North. This is a dreadful situation.

Yet retreating to the border might be even worse, letting Hizbullah and radical Palestinian forces advance and attack more effectively, with comparable Israeli losses. Israel's allies - the South Lebanese Army's soldiers and supporters - could be massacred.

The debate hinges on the Hizbullah's goal. While many Western observers like to believe its claim of only seeking to liberate south Lebanon, Hizbullah openly states that it aims to destroy Israel. This is the reason it is the sole militia not disarmed by Lebanon's government when the civil war ended.

Hizbullah - and many Lebanese - would view Israel's withdrawal as a victory. Recruits would flock to a seemingly winning jihad. Even if Hizbullah stopped, it

would aid extremist Palestinian forces' attacks. Hizbullah's sponsors, Iran and Syria, care nothing about south Lebanon and will escalate pressure on Israel.

The picture in Lebanon is complicated by the multiple militias operating there, in many cases eager to attack Israel. There are Syrian soldiers, Lebanese infantry, Iranian Revolutionary Guards, a dozen Palestinian groups supporting or opposing Yasser Arafat, the Shi'ite Amal, and Druse, Maronite Christian, and Sunni Moslem militias. Whatever options Israel had a dozen years ago, it is not possible to play off these factors today.

Israel learned from its 1982-1984 Lebanese experience and more recent offensives that intervention is ineffective. Recent events will intensify the debate over what to do now. Unfortunately, there's no ideal solution.



Journalists look at the gear captured from the commandos and put on display in Hizbullah's information office in a Beirut suburb yesterday.

BACKGROUND

Mystery still surrounds the commandos' objective in raid

By DAVID RUDGE

Mystery still surrounds the objective of the IDF naval commando unit in Friday's abortive mission in Lebanon. According to reports from Lebanon, the area itself, near Ansariya village, is a populated coastal strip, without any obvious Hizbullah or Amal targets.

The main road leading from the south to the Lebanese capital, Beirut, runs through the area, which contains some of the country's most fertile farming land and is dotted with plantations.

The coastal area is also said to contain some of Lebanon's finest and most frequented fish restaurants, as well as bathing beaches.

It was along a route running through one of the plantations that the elite IDF unit was apparently ambushed by Hizbullah, who first detonated a mine or other explosive device and then opened fire from relatively close range.

The region is a distance from the so-called "front lines" of the security zone and therefore generally quiet. According to the reports,

there is a large force of Lebanese Army troops deployed there, keeping tight control over the area.

The Shi'ite villages in the region are primarily affiliated with the Amal movement, although as in other parts of Lebanon in general, and the south in particular, there is a large presence of Hizbullah supporters and activists among the local populace.

Amal maintained in statements that the target of the elite IDF unit was one of its command centers in the Ansariya village area.

Other reports said that the naval commandos had intended to kidnap leading Shi'ite cleric Sheikh Abdel Amir Kabalan, who is affiliated with Amal and is vice-president of the Supreme Shi'ite Council of Lebanon. Kabalan has a home in Ansariya.

Amal leader Nabih Berri said the abortive attack was in retaliation for recent actions by Amal "resistance fighters" in the Wadi Saluki area.

Four Amal gunmen were killed in a clash with Golani Brigade troops in the Wadi Saluki area last week. The Golani soldiers were

later caught in a brushfire which claimed the lives of five of them.

Veteran Lebanese observers expressed skepticism over Amal's claims, however, maintaining that Amal retains only a haphazard fighting arm which poses little threat to the IDF or SLA in the security zone.

Furthermore, they said the claim that the target was Sheikh Kabalan is illogical, given Kabalan's moderate stance and the fact that he made no effort to hide his movements.

Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, for his part, maintained that there were no Hizbullah or Amal targets in the area of the commando operation.

In an apparent contradiction, however, Nasrallah said Hizbullah planted explosive devices around those areas and units it felt necessary to protect. This would indicate that Hizbullah did have something or someone to protect in the area.

On the other hand, Hizbullah may have been playing a disinformation game from the start, to give the impression it had some-

thing there to defend, and then set up an ambush in the event the bait was taken.

Amal, according to an eyewitness account from one of its gunmen, only got into the picture when its activists heard the explosions and the sound of shooting.

Similarly, the Lebanese Army was not, apparently, involved from the outset. It reportedly concentrated mainly on firing mortars at the troops on the ground and anti-aircraft guns at IAF helicopters and warplanes, when they came into the picture, after the initial clash.

UNIFIL spokesman Timor Goksel, himself a veteran Lebanese observer who has been with the peacekeeping force virtually since its inception in 1978, was at a loss regarding the IDF's objective in the area.

"This is a densely populated area with a lot of people moving around. The Israelis must have been convinced that there was a very attractive target, whatever it might be, in this area, to sanction and clear what was an extremely high-risk operation," said Goksel.

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NEWSLINE

with Capt. (res.) David Schick

Capt. (res.) David Schick, deputy commander of Shayetet 13 (the elite naval commando unit) between 1988-91, took part in numerous commando operations in Lebanon in the 1970s and 1980s. He retired from the IDF in 1995.

When 11 commandos are killed in a raid, what does this do to a relatively small unit like Shayetet 13?

This is a big crisis that has all the makings of a tragedy. It has to be recovered quickly. It has to get to operations. It has to bring in new commandos. I don't think it should be given time to recover. It has to return to activity immediately.

But does Shayetet 13 have enough people to quickly return to activity?

It has enough people to get back into the thick of things quickly. It's true that this is a small unit, but it can return to operations tomorrow night. It doesn't need psychologists or anything

else. It has great capability. It just has to use it. Reports have it that the force was immediately spotted. Does the lack of surprise immediately place commandos in danger?

Commandos are not meant to stay in the area. Their purpose is to complete their mission quickly and move on. Their role is heavily dependent on the intelligence they receive. In my opinion, a double agent informed Hizbullah that an operation would take place. When there is no element of surprise, there is nothing you can do. Apparently, it was a planned ambush.

The Shayetet has become active in Lebanon after years of relative quiet. Does this endanger its continued operations?

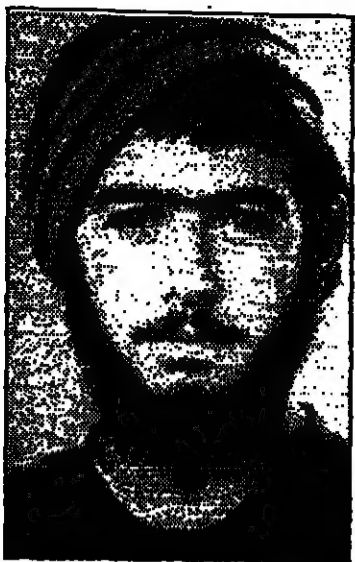
In December 1988, there was a big operation involving the Golani Brigade and the Shayetet, and it did not succeed. The result was that for many years, it didn't do anything. But the ambush should not be blamed on the Shayetet.

The problem is intelligence. In the aftermath of this incident, they might change their methods, and then the Shayetet might not be used for a while. That would be a shame, however, for this unit is better than infantry units. Unlike the infantry, the naval commandos can operate on the sea and on land.

Reports say that the first helicopter took 30 minutes to land to rescue the commandos. Is that a long time?

The commandos work far behind enemy lines, so it is difficult to rescue them. This is the fastest time possible. To have a helicopter even 10 km. away would have signalled that there was a military operation underway. The commandos could have decided to keep a helicopter flying over the sea and it would have gotten to the scene in five minutes. But they didn't want to do it.

Steve Rodan



2PO Arye Abramson

Abramson, 22, of Yavneel, studied at a religious school in Tiberias and was famous for running all the way from his home to that city. Friends said he never spoke about his activities in the commandos.



Lt.-Cmdr. Yitzhak Ben-Tov

Ben-Tov, 28, who was buried on Friday in Kfar Sava, had served as a doctor with the paratroopers in Lebanon for a prolonged period. His parents were relieved when he transferred to the navy, even though he spent protracted periods at sea.



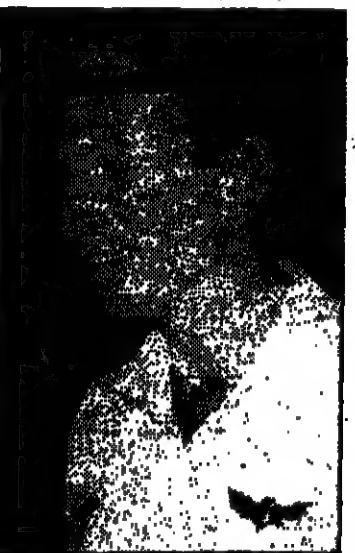
3PO Guy Golan

Golan, 21, of Kibbutz Hatzor, was the eldest son and grandson in his family. The family joined the kibbutz when he was seven and became successfully absorbed in a short time.



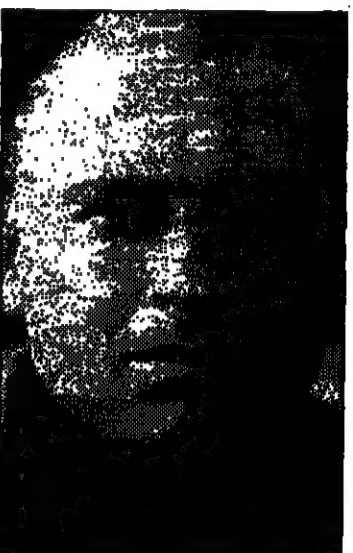
Lt. Zvi Grossman

Grossman's friends had planned a surprise party for him for his 22nd birthday this week. Instead, they will attend his funeral in Tel Aviv today.



2PO Yohanan Hillberg

Hillberg, 22, of Netzer Hazani, was the first member of Yafit, in Gush Katif, to be killed in the line of duty. He was the second of six children and studied at a yeshiva in Gush Etzion. His dream was to join the naval commandos.



Cmdr. Yosef Korakin

Korakin, 32, the commander of the naval commando force, was buried with full military honors Friday in Michmoret where he grew up. He was married and had a three-month-old son.



Lt. Ram Levinas

Levinas, 22, loved nothing better than the sea and joining the naval commandos was a natural choice for him, his friends said. He will be buried in Shavei Zion after his father and brother arrive from the US.



Maj. Dagash Maher

Maher, 26, a doctor, was buried in his home village of Maghar on Friday. He had gone in to help extricate the first group of fighters who were caught in the ambush and succeeded in giving medical care to several of the wounded before being killed. He had been married only a month ago.



3PO Gal Rodovsky

Rodovsky, 20, lived in Herzliya.



3PO Yaniv Shamiel

Shamiel, 20, was buried Friday in Haifa. He grew up in Kiryat Haim and was determined to volunteer for the naval commandos. He spent months training before he was called up, so that he would be fit for the arduous entrance tests.



2PO Raz Tabbi

Tabbi, 22, of Rishon LeZion, was planning to take a trip abroad next week. His father had bought him a car when he began serving in the regular navy a short while ago, so that he would be able to drive home from base to spend more time at home. He will be buried today in the Rishon LeZion military cemetery.

DIANA

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Diana, he said, "proved in the last year that she needed no royal title to continue to generate her particular brand of magic."

His eulogy was the talk of London's streets.

"So many rules were broken today. In a sense, all the old protocols had to go," said Nigel Young, an expert on British history at Colgate University.

"What it really reflects is a tremendous confusion in British culture right now about how they relate to traditional symbols," he said.

In another dramatic break with protocol, Queen Elizabeth II ordered the Union Jack to fly over Buckingham Palace at half-staff.

And, at the funeral, she bowed her head as Diana's casket passed in Westminster Abbey.

Wade, the magazine reporter, viewed that as a deliberate move from a monarch handing a jarring message by the millions of mourners outside her living room.

"This week and this funeral taught the queen a big lesson: Diana was a bigger star than she wanted to realize," Wade said.

"They rewrote the book totally for this one," she said.

"And because they did all that, because they changed all the traditions, I think it may end up changing the monarchy."

BEN-YEHUDA

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The PA cabinet claimed Friday that Jewish extremists "responsible for the killing of Rabin" carried out the Ben-Yehuda attack.

"The attack in Jerusalem was committed by Jewish extremists against the peace process, and they received help from extremist sources around the world and from within Israel," a PA cabinet statement said. "The Netanyahu government is deceiving the nation in hiding such information from them."

The Palestinian Cabinet said Israel was seeking a pretext to avoid implementing a further redeployment, which was scheduled for September 7. The statement said the Israeli fight against terrorism will not succeed as long as there is no progress in peace efforts with the Palestinians.

"Rather than say the truth, Netanyahu prefers to place the responsibility on Arafat," the cabinet said.

Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo condemned Labor

Party chairman Ehud Barak's support for the option of having IDF troops enter PA-controlled areas to arrest suspects. He accused Barak of speaking like Netanyahu, and thus losing his standing as an alternative leadership.

Since Thursday's bombings there have been various media reports about a possibility of Israeli security forces entering Area A to raid terrorist hideouts. The Oslo Accords would permit such an action, but Israel has refrained from doing so in the past.

National Infrastructure Minister Sharon told Channel 1 that although Israel has been reluctant to use this option, security forces should realize they can no longer rely on Palestinian security or intelligence to prevent tragedies.

Meanwhile, the IDF announced last night it was easing the closure somewhat. Starting this morning, the army said, Palestinian workers will be allowed to reach industrial parks jointly established by Israel and the PA. These include a park at the Erez Junction and several along the Green Line in the West Bank, the IDF said.

On Thursday night, security forces arrested 69 Palestinians in the West Bank as suspected members of terrorist organizations. The IDF Spokesman said the Palestinians were being questioned by the GSS.

Former Mossad chief Shabtai Shavit told Channel 1 yesterday that despite speculation that the terrorists who carried out Thursday's attack may have come from abroad, Arafat and the PA are responsible. "We must realize that he does nothing to prevent terrorism," he said.

Shavit added that it would be interesting to determine whether each terrorist detonated his own explosives or whether they set off one another.

Shavit said that despite claims that March's blast in Tel Aviv's Apropo cafe was a "classic" suicide bombing, there was a possibility raised that the bomb could have been detonated by a second person, and that the suicide bomber had a dummy detonator on his person.

Margot Dudkevich contributed to this report.

DRIVE CAREFULLY!

PM: Lebanon operations will be stringently reviewed

By SARAH HONIG

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said over the weekend that the IDF's "method of operation in Lebanon will come under stringent review," although the basic policy of remaining in Lebanon "as long as the North is endangered would not change."

Netanyahu did not rule out negotiating for the body of missing commando 2PO Itamar Ilya, although sources in the Prime Minister's Office said last night that such talks are not imminent and that a successful outcome is even further away.

The International Red Cross has been asked to help in the return of the body.

Netanyahu rejected the notion of a unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon. "We are facing two simultaneous campaigns against the most vicious of terrorists - on the Palestinian and on the Lebanese fronts. In both cases we are dealing with the declared aim to slaughter Israeli civilians and to eradicate the state of Israel from the map. In both cases these terrorists will not defeat this nation," Netanyahu told reporters after the Friday defense cabinet session.

"We will not and cannot surrender in this very basic struggle for our very right to exist in peace and security. As long as terrorist action is continued against us, we have no choice but to defend ourselves. This policy will not change, though we may well rethink the means whereby we carry details of it out," he contended that "if we unilaterally withdraw from Lebanon now, Lebanon will follow us into Israel. Lebanon has been described as a swamp, but it's not an empty swamp. Lebanese terrorists are constantly seeking ways to reach our border. This is not Vietnam, which was so distant from the US. Lebanon is directly adjacent to us and its variety of terrorists have the most evil intentions toward Israel and its citizens."

The "unexpected result of the action in Lebanon hurts, we have lost the very best of our elite fighting men. This is one of the greatest calamities we have experienced and we will spare no effort to pinpoint exactly what went wrong," Netanyahu said.

"When a force goes into action behind enemy lines, there is always danger. This time, the worst happened and we need to discover how it was that the unit was ambushed."

The operation was approved at a cabinet session last Wednesday.

According to several participants at that session, Netanyahu almost prophetically cautioned: "Watch out on the approach route to the target. It's a dangerous one."

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon was reported to have clashed with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai two weeks ago over deploying the IDF in ground action behind the lines in Lebanon, as this imperils the troops.

Sharon did not attend the Wednesday cabinet session due to his torn leg ligament. Foreign Minister David Levy was in Canada.

Sharon yesterday denied that he advocated an immediate, unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon. "What I said is that if we must choose between unilateral withdrawal and a deal with Syria as [Labor Party chairman Ehud] Barak suggests, then I prefer the former. To involve the Syrians in this is to make our soldiers hostages to Syrian blackmail."

Labor MK Yossi Beilin announced yesterday that he is setting up a multi-party movement advocating an immediate, unconditional, and unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon. He said that "top military experts say that Israel can be far better defended from its own territory, behind a good fence along the northern border. These experts are reluctant to come out openly with their opinions, but they are nevertheless emphatic."

But Labor MK Ephraim Sneh swiftly condemned Beilin's plan as "branding the entire Labor Party with the shameful stigma of defeatism. This is a selfish, self-serving proposal which totally lacks responsibility and offers no serious or credible alternative for the defense of the North."

Likud executive bureau chairman Uzi Landau warned that "disasters ought not be exploited to further per political projects."

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid also disagreed with Beilin. "A unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon is foolish because then we will have the terrorist gangs right on the border. What is needed is a deal with Syria regarding the Golan, in return for which we will finally be able to leave Lebanon."

Weizman: 'We must keep our nerve'

By BAT-SHEVA TSUR

President Ezer Weizman encouraged a crestfallen nation on Friday, when he visited the wounded from the operation at Nahariya Government Hospital.

Weizman called on the nation not to fall into a mood of helplessness and despondency. "If we throw up our hands and say we've had it, this could be a national crackup... We must stand firm, despite all the criticism. We must keep our nerve," Weizman declared.

He reiterated we would have to sit down with Syria to discuss a political solution "once and for all." Until then, he said, Lebanon will not be quiet and there is no choice but to grit our teeth and continue to fight.

"I have some friends who don't like this idea," Weizman

said, "but there is simply no choice."

Weizman took the opportunity to examine the 'helicopter that had been hit while evacuating the dead and wounded.

Last night, some 200 Peace Now activists demonstrated outside the home of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to demand a quick pullout from Lebanon.

COMMENT

What went wrong?

By ARNOLD O'SULLIVAN

It has grown abundantly clear over the weekend that the elite naval commandos who died in Lebanon did not simply have a stroke of bad luck, and didn't run into a Hizbullah force by chance.

Hizbullah was waiting for them and proved able to deal the IDF a kind of blow that the armies of Egypt, Syria, Jordan and Iraq have never managed to do: eliminating one of the IDF's best trained units.

Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ofir has been charged with the task of figuring out where the Shayetet 13 commando unit went wrong. He has been instructed to collect evidence and information from those who planned the aborted raid and obtain testimony from the very few who survived.

There seems to be little chance that the well-trained, highly-moti-

vated and experienced commandos could have done anything to give themselves away.

While there is a possibility that a charge carried by a commando went off accidentally, thus alerting Hizbullah guards to open fire, a more likely explanation appears to be that the IDF was drawn into a trap.

Intelligence gathering is one of the areas Ofir will have to examine closely, to find out whether the IDF was given bad information or whether a local agent set the IDF up for failure.

The intelligence may also have underestimated the size and alertness of the enemy. Or, could there have been a breach of security?

More than just pinpointing whether the disaster was caused by faulty intelligence, the IDF will need to answer some serious questions. For example,

how did Hizbullah, whose combatants number in the hundreds, get our best soldiers? Could it be that today's military isn't as combat-ready as it once was, since it hasn't fought a full-fledged war in 15 years?

What is clear is that the IDF needs to come clean this time, in investigating what happened, particularly after experiencing so many disasters within a relatively short period: the deaths of five Golan troops in a fire set apparently by IDF gunfire in Lebanon 10 days ago, and the deaths in February of 73 servicemen in a collision of helicopters that were ferrying the troops to Lebanon.

The army can no longer afford to pay such a dear price when it initiates bold commando action, given the growing discontent at home about the continued IDF involvement in Lebanon.

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Cabinet: No more territory to PA

Arafat must first eradicate terror infrastructure

By SARAH HONIG

No more territory will be handed over to the Palestinian Authority if it does not eradicate the terror infrastructure in the areas under its control.

This was the key operative decision to emerge from a special session Friday of the security cabinet, convened following the Rehov Ben-Yehuda suicide bombing on Thursday.

The decision means there will be no second phase redeployment nor any other redeployments, if no drastic change is perceived in the way the PA deals with the terrorists operating in its domain. This means that the Oslo process would grind to a halt.

The cabinet statement opened with a declaration that Israel will "fight to secure personal safety for its citizens in full accordance with its basic right to self-defense."

It goes on to accuse the PA of having utterly failed to fulfill its end of the bargain and stresses Israel's demand that the PA keep its commitments.

So long as "the PA does not abide by its commitments, there is no possibility to continue down the road of handing over more and more territory to the PA."

However, if a change of attitude on the PA's part manifests itself, then "negotiations should resume in order to secure a final status agreement with adequate security arrangements," the statement said.

Speaking to reporters shortly after the defense cabinet adjourned, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu noted that "at this very time we are marking the fourth anniversary of the Oslo Accords. During all these years the PA has done nothing to live up to its most basic undertaking under these accords, namely, that

it would act against the terror infrastructure in the territories under its control. Instead terror chiefs were hugged and kissed in public demonstrations of solidarity.

"The latest outrage in Jerusalem, for instance," Netanyahu continued, "was not the act of individual crazed fanatics. It took dozens of terrorists to pull this off. The explosives had to be prepared, the bombers had to be trained, outfitted, readied and transported. The site to be hit had to be selected and reconnoitered. All this demands a well-developed infrastructure."

"We already have leads in our investigations and they all point to Hamas, and not to a Hamas base in far-off Tibet, but right near us in the PA areas. We know the Hamas infrastructure is there. Why would we then hand over yet more land to the PA? So that it, too, would be turned into a terror base?" Netanyahu asked.

He reiterated that his government "is simply unwilling to go on this way and expose the citizens to wave after wave of terror, while we behave as if nothing has happened and hand over more and more territory to the PA. We are sending Arafat a clear message that this will not go on."

Netanyahu intimated that more decisions were made by the cabinet but that these were of a military nature and will not be made public. He did say that the "IDF and the security forces were given instruction to minimize their dependence on PA cooperation."

"I am not burying the Oslo Accords, but such agreements are based on reciprocity. If there is no reciprocity, then one side cannot be expected to constantly pay up, while the other expects only to take. Peace will be achieved only through our resolve and determi-

nation, and only if we make it clear to the other side that they are bound to adhere to the agreement they signed."

Labor Party Chairman Ehud Barak reacted to the cabinet decision by calling on the government to "engage in the deepest possible soul-searching after 15 months in office. There is no peace and no security as Bibi promised. There is no hope. The string of disasters of recent weeks is more than just an unfortunate accumulation of chance bad breaks."

He argued that "while Israel is right to expect the PA to do more against terror - and while under the Oslo agreement it even has the right to send the IDF into Area A - there would be no chance without a diplomatic move towards the separation of the two peoples."

"What is needed is an Israeli-American agreement on eradicating the terror infrastructure and then the Americans, the Egyptians and the Jordanians will all back our demands of the PA. We must not allow the construction of a few more houses in the settlements to distance US support from us."

Labor MK Elie Goldschmidt called on Barak to enter into national unity talks with Netanyahu now, but Barak replied that "this is not a suitable time."

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid didn't mince words. He called on Netanyahu to "at least have the decency to resign right now, immediately, without any delay. There is a collapse in the diplomatic process and a total breakdown of security."

"Netanyahu failed for the resignation of [late prime minister Yitzhak] Rabin, who blazed the trail to peace. He should summon sufficient courage to relieve us now of his premiership when he blazes the trail to war."

US demands PA take concrete action against extremists

By HILDE KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - The State Department disputed the Palestinian Authority's claim on Friday that it was investing maximum effort against terrorism, saying that it must still take concrete actions.

The comments came as the administration conceded that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's upcoming visit to the region would focus on the deteriorating security situation in Israel and on what the PA must do to prevent recurrences of Thursday's Rehov Ben-Yehuda suicide bombings. Implicit was that placing final status issues on the fast track is not viable right now.

Israel's military attaché, Maj. Gen. Ze'ev Livneh, met with Pentagon officials here Friday and requested their help in ascertaining the fate of the 12th soldier presumed dead in the failed commando raid in Lebanon. The US said it would do what it can. Livneh was told, according to Israeli officials.

PA negotiator Saeb Erakat told reporters after meeting with US special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross on Friday that the PA has no tolerance for terrorism and that it is "exercising more than 100

percent effort" against it.

He also stated that the PA would not arrest Hamas officials without cause, saying that to do so would be a violation of "the rule of Palestinian law."

But James Foley, a State Department spokesman, told correspondents at the daily briefing that while the US has "heard some of the right words" from the Palestinians, "we are looking for unilateral actions to stamp out, root out and crush the terrorist infrastructure in those territories."

Foley also criticized Arafat's recent embrace of Hamas leaders, saying that "a charitable interpretation was that it was an effort to bring them into the tent of those who support peace."

"To the extent that that effort was made, I have to assume the scales have fallen from his eyes and he must understand that these are enemies of peace, and that the bombing the other day [was] directed at him, was directed at the peace process, and shows the futility of political dialogue and including these people in the peace process," Foley said.

He added that while the US wants the Palestinians to legally root out terrorists, "democratic governments" deal with threats of terrorism "within the rule of law but they

deal with the threat forcefully and vigorously, and that's what we're looking for."

Foley acknowledged that on Albright's visit, security "is at the very top of the agenda."

Meanwhile, Congress continued hammering away at Arafat and the PA. A nonbinding resolution passed Friday in the House, warning the Palestinians "in the strongest possible terms" that relations with the US are now at risk.

"Either they do what they solemnly pledged to do as part of the Oslo process to fight terror and the terrorist infrastructure in a consistent, serious and sustained manner, or the entire peace process, relations with America, and the hopes of the Palestinian people for a better future will be seriously jeopardized," stated the resolution, which was sponsored by International Relations Committee chairman Benjamin Gilman and the panel's ranking Democrat, Lee Hamilton.

It also called on Albright to press the security requirements upon Arafat and urged that direct and indirect US aid to the PA be suspended "until such time as substantive compliance with its commitments under the Oslo agreements is achieved."



Mourners recite psalms and light memorial candles on Rehov Ben-Yehuda Friday, a day after three suicide bombers killed four people and wounded 192. (Isaac Harari)

Ben-Yehuda slowly returns to normal

By ELLI WOHLGELERTNER

Jerusalem's Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall was a strange blend of screaming and silence on Friday.

Alongside a tree near the intersection of Hahistadrut Street, people stood and argued: soldiers with civilians, old people with young, secular with religious. It was loud, it was heated and it was all political.

"We should throw them out!" screamed one elderly woman, referring to an enemy that there seemed no longer any need to identify. "Just give them a state of their own and let's forget about them."

"And then what happens?" answered a college-age youth. "Give them a state and they'll start a war against us!"

"It's time for Gandhi!" yelled someone else, a reference to MK Rehavam Ze'evi, head of the right-wing Mokedet party which calls for deporting Arabs from the country.

Some people handed out stickers which read: "Stop Oslo NOW." Just a meter away, next to a tree, a group of mourners stood reciting Psalms, while others lit a memorial candle to add to dozens already placed on top of a wall surrounding a tree. Others placed flowers around the tree.

Meanwhile a crowd stood and watched.

"I remember a year and a half ago, when the bus bombings happened," said Moshe Monczyl, a 20-year-old yeshiva student, "I went to the spot where it happened. I wanted to feel the grief, and it's easier when you see people crying. It also makes you realize it could happen to you too, at any time."

On both sides of the mall, workers went about repairing blown out storefronts, putting up new sheets of glass or covering broken windows with plywood. Some stores had hand-painted signs in the windows: "We are continuing with courage," "We continue in spite of them."

In front of Shaul's Shwarma Center, where one of the three bombs went off on Friday, a large blue garbage dumpster was filled with broken glass, pieces of chairs and tables and food scraps.

Elsewhere along the street, it was business-as-usual.

Most of the debris had already been swept up and the street washed down. The last vestiges of devastation were being collected by a city garbage truck.

All the coffee shops were open for business. Atara was full and down the road apiece, Firzi, which had caught the main impact of one explosion, was also open with a slightly smaller clientele.

tele. Next door, the Israel Discount Bank, despite its scarred exterior, was processing customers' accounts.

"It's like nothing happened," said Henni Levin, a tourist from Holland. "Life goes on. It's good like this, good to show them that you are not afraid, and that they can't disturb your normal daily life. It shows the country is strong - from the heart. It's amazing. That's Israel."

Uri Greenspan, the owner of Cafe Atara, said he had rushed to make as many repairs as he could on Thursday night, so he could reopen immediately.

"It was the idea of my parents," he said. "We stayed open during the Independence war and during other wars, in the snow - we always stayed open whenever we could. Even if you can't serve everything, you serve what you can."

There were still visible signs of the previous day's attack, like a long crack in the ceiling, and a bullet-size hole in the glass door to the pastry display.

A couple of customers came up to hand Greenspan flowers.

"It's a good feeling, it gives you the strength to continue, and to not pay attention to the bad things. We are one big family here."

Greer Fay Cashman contributed to this report.

Jerusalem school mourns loss of two pupils

Pupils and teachers at Jerusalem's Gymnasia Rehavia spent Friday mourning the deaths of Smadar Elhanan and Sivan Zarka, both ninth graders at the school, who were killed in Thursday's triple suicide bombings on Rehov Ben-Yehuda.

Memorial candles were lit, and the girls' pictures were posted on bulletin boards.

Principal Ehud Prawer conferred early in the morning with the teaching staff and guidance counselors, who, together with psychologists, helped the pupils deal with the loss of their schoolmates.

"Sivan was a special girl who loved everyone and took everything in the nicest and most relaxed fashion," recalled Batya Levy, who was Zarka's homeroom teacher for two years. "She was an excellent student who got along with everyone. She would call me during my maternity leave to find out how I was. I will remember her as a pupil who worried about everyone."

Orly Shama, who was Smadar Elhanan's teacher, described her as full of life, mature, and a pupil any teacher would be proud of. "She always answered questions intelligently. She knew how to laugh but

took all her school assignments seriously."

"We've lost many graduates, and I'm here 15 years, but in this instance we're talking about girls who left the Gymnasia at a quarter to three, and at five after three they were no longer with us. It's hard to remember the Gymnasia in such a state," Shama said.

Hila Efrati had gone after school with a group of girls to buy books in downtown Jerusalem. "At a certain point we split up and I saw some of my friends going down to the pedestrian mall. Suddenly I heard a boom, we didn't have a

chance to absorb what it was, and then there were two more explosions and there was chaos. It wasn't until evening that we understood that they were talking about two pupils in our school."

Shiran Mizrahi, a friend of Elhanan's, said: "As Thursday went on nobody knew anything about Smadar and no one told us anything. Only at midnight one of her good friends from Tel Aviv called kids in the class and told us what happened."

"She was a friend that everyone loved. It's hard to think she's no longer with us." (Tum)

Bombing victims laid to rest

By MARGOT DUKOVITCH, ELLI WOHLGELERTNER and Rina

Hundreds of mourners attended the funerals in Jerusalem on Friday of three of the four people killed in Thursday's triple suicide-bombing on the Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall.

Yael Botwin, 14, who had just begun ninth grade at the capital's Omanuyot religious high school of the arts, was buried on Har Hamenuhot. Eight years ago she had made aliya with her parents from Los Angeles; three years ago her father died.

Busloads of classmates and friends from the religious scouts movement joined some 400 people at the cemetery, where they stood holding on to one other and sobbing. Many of her school-friends talked about her goal to continue studying drama, a subject she loved.

Botwin was eulogized by Amatzia Levy-Hevroni, the principal of her former school, the Yehuda Halevi State Religious School. Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, Deputy Religious Affairs Minister Yigal Bibi, and MK Opher Pines were present, but the family requested the politicians to refrain from eulogies. The funeral was closed to the press.

At the Omanuyot school on Friday, teachers talked with pupils about the loss of their schoolmate and ways to cope

with the tragedy. Many who did not know Botwin or her family nevertheless attended the funeral in solidarity.

Hundreds attended the funeral of Sivan Zarka, also aged 14.

"You were a fresh flower, a young woman full of life and love, who never harmed a person," said a relative at the gravesite.

Fellow pupils from Rehavia's Gymnasia High School lingered at the site, sobbing and trying to comfort one another. "It is very hard for us, we are unable to conceive the enormity of the loss," said one. "Only yesterday she was smiling in school."

Leah Bar-El, headmistress of Geulim Aleph, the school where Zarka studied before starting high school, called her "the jewel in our crown." Zarka is survived by her parents and a brother.

Rami Kozashvili, 20, had made aliya with his parents from Georgia in 1994. Friends from the Neveh Ya'acov neighborhood where they lived said he worked hard in order to support his unemployed father and mother, who worked as a cleaner. For some months he had been working at the Ben-Yehuda Bazaar and was standing outside the store when the first explosion went off, sending a piece of shrapnel directly into his heart.

"He had a true Georgian temperament that was valued by his friends, because of his dedication

to his mother and father," said his close friend, Avi at the funeral. Rami is survived by his parents and a younger sister and brother.

Smadar Elhanan, 14, is to be buried today. "She was a grandmother's girl," said her grandmother, Tova, on Thursday. "She loved to listen to stories about the family and wanted to learn Yiddish."

Elhanan had gone to the Ben-Yehuda mall with her Gymnasia schoolfriends Sivan Zarka and Daniella Birman to buy a present. Birman was seriously wounded by the blast that killed her friends.

At the high school on Friday, schoolmates called her a wonderful person, intelligent, an outstanding pupil, warm, and sensitive.

Elhanan will be buried at 1 p.m. today in a secular ceremony at Kibbutz Nahshon. She is survived by her parents and three brothers.

Forty-one people wounded in the Rehov Ben-Yehuda bombings were still in the hospital yesterday. One was in critical condition, while five were listed in serious condition.

Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem was treating 14; 15 were at Shaare Zedek; another seven were in Bikur Holim Hospital, including a six-month-old baby; five others were in Hadassah-University Hospital on Mount Scopus.



Rami Kozashvili is buried at Jerusalem's Har Hamenuhot Cemetery on Friday. (Brian Hendler)

Mother Teresa dies at 87

By NARAYANAN MADHAVAN

CALCUTTA (Reuters) - The world bowed in homage to Mother Teresa yesterday as India cast tradition aside and decided to hold a state funeral for the tiny saint of Calcutta's slums.

World dignitaries and common citizens offered a flood of tributes to the memory of the Roman Catholic nun who, frail in frame but iron in will, sent a message of hope to millions of destitute and ill who knew her simply as Mother.

"Mother Teresa marked the history of our century," Pope John Paul said in Rome. "She served all human beings by promoting their dignity and respect, and made those who had been defeated by life feel the tenderness of God."

The wizened but revered Mother Teresa died of a heart attack on Friday in her Missionaries of Charity headquarters in the crowded Indian city of Calcutta, Kipling's "City of Dreadful Night" which Mother Teresa made home for most of her 87 years.

"I can't breathe anymore," were her last words before she sank back on her bed and expired, witnesses said.

Thousands of her followers, many in tears, converged on Mother House, the headquarters of Mother Teresa's network of homes for the sick, dying and poor in some 115 countries.

"Mother, you are immortal," "Mother, you will always remain in our hearts," read two placards held by students in white uniforms who stood in a monsoon drizzle.

Police behind barricades kept most of the faithful out in the rain while nuns gathered in an upstairs room around Mother Teresa's body, some touching her exposed feet.

Dressed in her traditional white sari with blue trim, her face ashen and her hands crossed, Mother Teresa's embalmed body lay on a table covered with white sheet and flowers.

Prime Minister Inder Kumar Gujral's cabinet broke with protocol and decided to accord Mother Teresa a state funeral on September 13 when she is to be buried at her religious order in Calcutta.

"Mother Teresa was a personification of mercy and compassion, reaching out to alleviate the suffering of millions the world over," the cabinet said in a resolution.

"India has lost one of the greatest social workers of all time," "A beacon of light and hope for millions of poor has gone out of our lives," Gujral said, saying God had come in the form of the poor to test people's hearts.

"Gandhi and Mother in this century demonstrated to us the beauty and power of this ultimate and most difficult form of worship." The cabinet ordered a day of state



Mother Teresa (left) talks with sister Georgianne Segner at the St. James Catholic Church in Dallas on May 5, 1987. Teresa, the Roman Catholic nun who became famous for her work with 'the poorest of the poor,' died Friday. (AP)

Remembering a humble, saintly woman

By GRANVILLE WATTS

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - It was on a sunny morning in Calcutta on October 17, 1979 that I broke the news to Mother Teresa that she had won the Nobel Peace Prize.

Her response was typical: "I am unworthy." I had flown from Delhi to Calcutta after Reuters received a tip-off in Oslo that she had been awarded the international honor for her work among the poor in the Calcutta slums.

Together with a Visnews cameraman, we made our way through Calcutta's back streets to Mother Teresa's missionary headquarters. We waited there until Mother Teresa, then 69, arrived back from a hospital with a sick nun.

When I broke the news of the Nobel award to her, she was quiet for a while and said:

"Thank God for his gift to the poor."

God's blessing will be with the people who have given the prize.

"I hope it will be the real means of bringing peace and happiness in the world of today," asked how she felt to win such a prestigious award, she replied: "Personally I feel unworthy. But I feel a gift has been given because people will be more aware of the condition of the poor."

The Visnews cameraman had been filming our conversation, but whispered to me: "I don't think the light is good enough in here." When I explained the difficulty, Mother immediately agreed to do the interview again in the sunlight outside. "I am unworthy," she repeated.

It was yet another little act of kindness by

the tiny saint of the Calcutta gutters.

We went with her when she visited one of her homes in the city where food was served from huge pots to 7,000 hungry people. You could not see the end of the queue of ragged people carrying bowls.

The home also housed abandoned babies and unwed mothers.

I remember one terribly deformed small girl crawling along the floor and clutching at the hem of Mother's white sari.

"Ah, it's you," she said, bending down and embracing the child. To us she said: "My nuns found her as a baby in the dustbin." As the world's press began descending on Calcutta, Teresa smiled and quipped: "I am going to hide somewhere."

mourning yesterday and on September 13, the day of the funeral and burial in Calcutta.

India's saffron, white and green flag flew at half mast, and all official entertainment was cancelled.

In a mark of respect, the government ordered a state funeral usually reserved for presidents or serving prime ministers.

President K.R. Narayanan and high-ranking representatives of the three armed services were set

to attend.

The decision on the funeral came as a surprise in tradition-bound India, which had already given Mother Teresa its highest honor, Bharat Ratan, in 1980 — one year after she won the Nobel Peace Prize.

"Though she was a world citizen, she was particularly Indian in the true spirit of our culture," Narayanan said.

A member of parliament said authorities had been told the US

First Lady, Hillary Clinton, was considering attending.

Tributes poured in from around the world, from Albania, which declared three days of mourning next week, to the United States.

Mother Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bejaxhiu to Albanian parents in Skopje, in what was then Serbia.

Some drew parallels between Mother Teresa and Princess Diana, who died less than six days before

the nun and whose funeral took place yesterday.

The slender, glamorous blonde was a half century younger than the stooped Roman Catholic nun and a big contrast in style, but their common devotion to the downtrodden was remembered.

"In a week already filled with tragedy, the world will be saddened that one of its most compassionate servants has died," British Prime Minister Tony Blair said.

Reports: Moslems rebels kill up to 80 in Algeria

PARIS (Reuters) - Suspected Moslem rebels in Algeria killed between 40 and 80 inhabitants of a small village near the Algerian capital on Friday night, residents said yesterday.

"Last night an armed group attacked Beni Messous village, 10 km. from Algiers...Between 40 and 80 people, including women, were killed," a resident said by telephone.

The killers, who were hiding in the neighboring woods during the day, attacked Beni Messous village around midnight, he said.

"The terrorists used firearms and knives to carry out the killings... There are also many people who were injured or wounded during the attack," another resident said without giving details.

Official media made no mention

of the massacre.

About 60,000 people have been killed in Algeria's political violence pitting Moslem rebels against the government since 1992. The single worst massacre took place last week in Sidi Rais near Algiers. The government said 98 people were killed and 120 wounded. Residents and Algerian newspapers put the death toll at up to 300.

buildings on fire. Ten people survived.

Suspending his sentence, the Brandenburg court decided that Barth — who lost a leg in the war, and has high blood pressure and poor motor control — had served long enough for his crime, according to the newspaper, which did not elaborate.

"I feel guilty about the terrible crimes in Oradour," Barth told the tabloid. "But I have paid long enough."

WASHINGTON (AP) - Vice President Al Gore says he's confident a new Justice Department review will find his political fundraising calls from the White House "legal and appropriate."

Gore's comments Friday were his first since the department announced last week that it would look into the possible need for an independent counsel to investigate his actions.

It is unlawful to use government facilities to raise money for political campaigns. Gore told reporters he was "confident that when all the reviews are complete, they will find what I did is legal and appropriate. We're cooperating fully with the review and we went the extra step of making it all public. What this shows is the need for campaign finance reform."

The vice president addressed the issue during several appearances in New Hampshire, the first primary state in the 2000 presidential campaign, in which he is expected to be a candidate.

Meanwhile Friday, Attorney General Janet Reno acknowledged during her weekly news conference that Justice Department investigators never traced the use of campaign contributions Gore sought from his White House

office in 1995-96.

Reno ordered the review after reports last week suggested that more than \$120,000 Gore raised went into the Clinton-Gore campaign account, instead of a "soft money" account used for party-building activities.

Reno also said that Gore's intentions for use of the money he solicited from the White House will not be a factor in determining whether to call for an independent counsel.

"Under the independent counsel statute, the intent really is not at issue in the first 30 days," she said. "I cannot consider that."

On Capitol Hill, meantime, a former top Gore aide told Senate investigators that the vice president did not know an event at which he appeared at a California Buddhist temple was a political fund-raiser. "I know what a fund-raiser is and this was not a fund-raiser," David M. Strauss, Gore's former deputy chief of staff, told the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, which is looking into fund-raising abuses.

Gore also has said he did not believe the event was a fund-raiser, although the Democratic National Committee collected \$100,000 in donations linked to the April 29, 1996, luncheon.

German court frees ill, aging Nazi war criminal

GRANSEE, Germany (AP) - Nazi war criminal Heinz Barth, convicted 15 years ago for the massacre of a French village, has been released from life imprisonment because of his diabetes and other illnesses, a newspaper reported yesterday.

Barth, 87, was freed by the Brandenburg state supreme court on July 10 and has since been living in this quiet northern town, according to the BZ tabloid. The court put him on probation.

"I'm resting here from my years in the slammer," the former Nazi officer told the BZ.

In 1983, a court in then-East Berlin convicted the former SS officer for his role in the slaughter of the villagers of Oradour, near Limoges, France, in 1946.

Barth's division surrounded the town and ordered its 652 residents to gather in the central square. The Nazi soldiers locked the entire population in barns and the church, and set the

Bomb explodes in Tajik capital

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan (AP) - A bomb exploded in Tajikistan's capital at a heavily guarded hotel that was to house opposition politicians and former rebel leaders, officials said yesterday.

No casualties were reported in the blast at Dushanbe's Vakhsh Hotel, which appeared to be an attempt to wreck peace efforts in the Central Asian nation.

The bomb, with a force equivalent to 500 grams of TNT, was planted inside a large refrigerator in the hotel's dining hall, and went off shortly before midnight Friday, said Deputy Security Minister Bakhodur Abdullayev.

The hall was "practically destroyed," the Interfax news agency said, adding that the Vakhsh was guarded at the time both by government security forces and opposition fighters.

Opposition leader Said Abdullo Nuri, who chairs the country's National Reconciliation Commission, and his first deputy Akbar Turadzhonzoda were to stay at the hotel next week.

The commission was created by a peace agreement signed in June between Tajikistan's hard-line government and mainly fundamentalist Muslim rebel groups to end a protracted civil war.

Some rebels are opposed to the peace deal, along with various pro-government groups and clans who fear losing power and influence in an expected political reshuffle.

Tajik presidential spokesman Zafar Saidov pledged that the government would "take all measures" to prevent provocations aimed at thwarting the agreements on peace and national accord and thoroughly investigate the attack.

"The forces trying to destroy the foundations of the peace agreement... were vastly mistaken if they counted on intimidating us," Saidov said.

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Tragic lessons

Once again, the nation is united in mourning. First, for the four young victims of Thursday's callous and cowardly attack against civilians enjoying the late-summer sun on the Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall in downtown Jerusalem. And then, as the country awoke, bracing itself for the funerals of three 14-year-old girls and a 20-year-old man, came the bitter news of the deaths of 11 naval commandos, killed in the dark hours between Thursday and Friday when a daring military operation outside the security zone in south Lebanon went tragically wrong.

President Ezer Weizman, as he so often does, found exactly the right words when visiting the wounded soldiers from the botched operation. While acknowledging the pain felt by the whole country, reeling from the double-blow of a terrorist carnage and a military failure, Weizman called on the nation not to fall into a mood of helplessness and despondency. "If we throw up our hands and say we've had it, this could be a national crackup... We must stand firm, despite all the criticism. We must keep our nerve," Weizman declared. The president was also correct in maintaining that, without talks with Syria, no solution is in sight in Lebanon. Until then, he stressed, Israel has no option but to continue fighting Hizbullah as far away as possible from Israel's border settlements.

It is important that last week's tragedies, while joined together in macabre timing, are treated both by Israel's leaders and its people as two separate incidents. Although the country mourns for the 15 dead with a sadness which knows no difference between the youngsters blown to pieces on the pedestrian mall and the soldiers killed in Lebanon, their tragic deaths have different lessons and implications.

The cabinet on Friday was quick to decide on the immediate implication of the Ben-Yehuda terror attack: No more territory will be handed

over to the Palestinian Authority until the PA proves itself in the fight against Islamic terror.

This decision will have taken no one by surprise — indeed, the only surprise would have been had the cabinet decided otherwise. In a wide-ranging interview conducted a day before the Jerusalem attack and published in Friday's *Jerusalem Post*, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spelled out clearly his diplomatic agenda on the eve of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's first visit to the region. Without genuine and effective PA action against the terrorist structure within its domain, the prime minister said, it will be impossible to implement the further redeployments stipulated in the Oslo Accords and subsequent Hebron agreement.

Thursday's suicide bombing left the prime minister with little option but to announce the suspension of the redeployment timetable. It will be Albright's job this week to persuade Arafat that his moment of truth has arrived, and that the fate of Oslo lies for now solely in his hands.

There should be no such quick decisions concerning the IDF's role in south Lebanon, despite the growing calls for an immediate Israeli withdrawal from the security zone. The deaths of the soldiers stemmed from an operational decision on the IDF's part, not from the fact that there is an armed Israeli presence on Lebanese soil.

The conclusions which need to be drawn from this tragedy should be limited to a narrow military assessment of why this particular operation went so badly wrong, and the general cost and effectiveness of behind-the-lines raids in Lebanese territory. The strategic question of whether Israel should remain in Lebanon, unless the secretary of state finds an hitherto undiscovered mood of moderation in Damascus, will remain on the table for some time to come.

Candles in the wind

It has been a sad week for the poor, the sick, and the maimed of the world, who have lost two crusading champions — first Princess Diana of Wales, and now Mother Teresa of Calcutta. The two women could scarcely be more different, yet it is for their unlikely similarities they were both loved and will both be missed.

Diana was young, tall, beautiful, rich, and worldly. Teresa was aged, tiny, plain, poor, and ascetic. Yet in entirely different circumstances, both used almost the same words to enunciate their mission in life. In her famous *Panorama* program interview with the BBC, Diana spoke of her need to reach out to those who felt unwanted, unloved, and worthless, because despite her supposedly fairy-tale life, she too had been in these depths.

Teresa 10 years earlier had made a startlingly similar plea, during her Nobel Peace Prize ceremony, for help in her ministry to those born on life's scrap heap — the poor, unloved, unwanted, and deemed worthless. Britain yesterday bid farewell to Diana, an adopted royal, in one of the greatest manifestations of spontaneous national mourning the world has witnessed this century. In an entirely different setting, we can expect India to bid an equally sincere good-bye to the adopted foreigner, Mother Teresa, in an unprecedented state funeral.

For those who seek meaning in the way the unlikely paths of Diana and Teresa crossed, first on the same mission to humanity, and again in death — there was another unlikely coincidence. When the young Teresa left Albania to become a nun in Dublin, she was convinced her religious vocation was to be a teacher to young upper-class women. She was drawn instead to helping the world's most wretched, and it was 65 years before she befriended and admitted greatly admiring a young upper-class woman, Princess Diana.

Many mysteries remain about the world's response to these two remarkable women. Diana seemed too childlike, compassionate, and caring to be a royal fashion and glamor icon. Teresa seemed too tough, clever, and witty in her handling of the media and world leaders to be a remote saint. Somehow, with mysterious alchemy, they both seemed to have tapped a deep weariness with spiritually barren cynicism and materialism in our modern world.

In her low days, Diana considered herself worthless. Mother Teresa said all she had ever owned was two saris and a prayer book. From two different universes, they spoke with one voice. The poor, the sick, and the lonely are today a little poorer. But maybe they have a little more hope.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OUR BOYS

Sir, - I became literally sick after reading Larry Derfner's article, "Our Boys" (August 28.) Unless I am missing something, the man is actually defending the brutality of the Border Police on the grounds that this is something that "has to be done" and, fortunately, "we have the boys to do it" (mostly lower class uneducated Sephardim...)

The resemblance of this to the Nazi's satisfaction at remaining "decent" while doing the "dirty work" of helping the world get rid of the "Jewish Trash" is unavoidable. I can't stand the idea of people around the world

thinking that this reflects the beliefs of many Israelis or that this is what lies behind our government's policies regarding the inhabitants of the occupied territories.

It is true that we have been far from "enlightened occupiers," but I would like to think that this has been due to incompetence and not to the kind of racism, hate and ignorance reflected in this very unfortunate article.

JAIME GLOTTMAN

Ra'anana.

SOMEWHAT NEGLECTED

Sir, - Last week I entertained an American volunteer who has spent his summer working with Ethiopians in their caravan site. He brought with him a ten year old Ethiopian boy, one of the many whom he has helped with books, pencils, human contact and love. I think it would be best for the state to adopt these Ethiopian kids in an after-school program. A worthy cause for their future and ours, at this point, somewhat neglected.

ROSE SHULMAN

Haifa.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On September 7, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported that the British authorities in Germany were taking steps to ensure that the landings in Hamburg of the three British "floating cages" carrying the *Exodus* 1947 "illegal" immigrants to Palestine proceed in the utmost secrecy. The ships, lying opposite the mouth of the Elbe, were expected to weigh anchor one by one.

In London the British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, and the

British Foreign Office were expected to reaffirm their opposition to the Palestine Partition in order not to antagonize the Arab states.

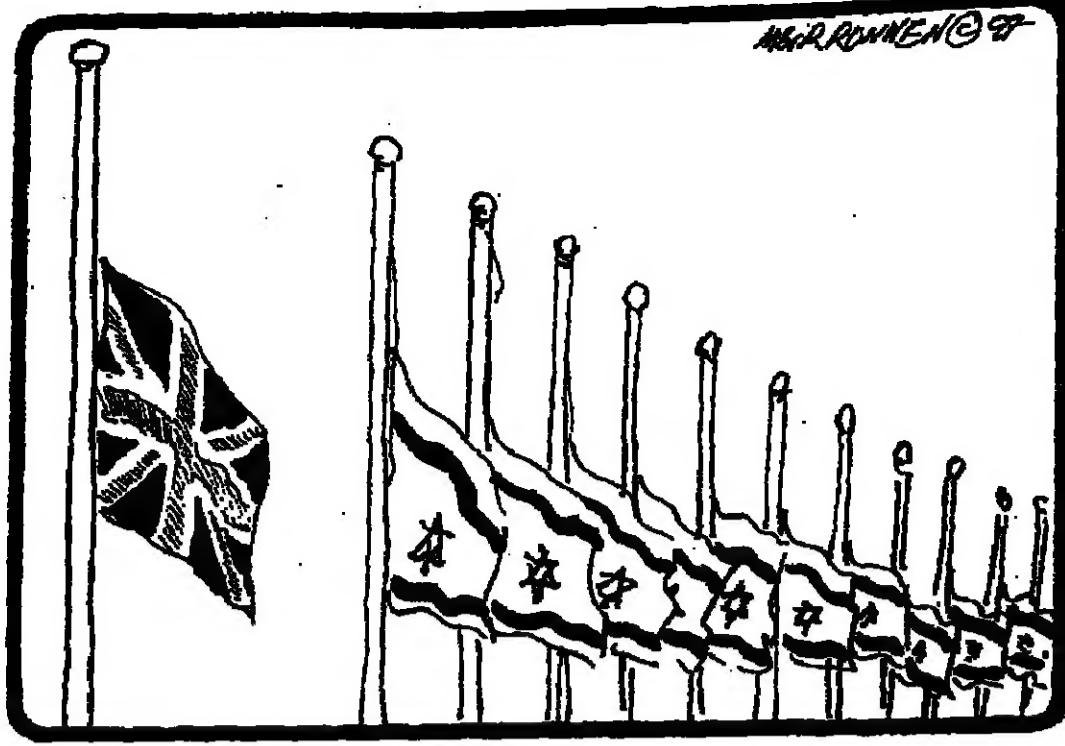
25 years ago: On September 7, 1972, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that there was still no complete reconstruction of the gruesome happenings at the Fuerstenfeldbruck air base near Munich where the nine Israeli Olympic sportsmen were killed by eight Arab gunmen. Four terrorists and one West German policeman were also killed. Two Israeli members of the Olympic

delegation had been murdered earlier at the Olympic Village.

Israel called on the world to halt terrorism and had asked the US and West Germany to withdraw their teams from the Olympic Games. The games, however, resumed after a 24-hour suspension. Egyptian and Syrian Olympic teams were reported to have flown home by a special flight. Most other Arab delegations stayed away, save the Lebanese and Tunisians.

Alexander Zvielli

OPINION



Moral inequivalence

Dear Secretary Albright,

Time to re-think Mideast peace strategy. You had planned to turn the screws on us this week, after Dennis Ross convinced Yasser Arafat to make the requisite minimalist noises about fighting terrorism and the PA has put on an amateur show of renewed security cooperation. But Arafat's embrace of the Hamas and the subsequent Ben-Yehuda bombing have thrown off that political calculus. Nobody here would take you seriously.

So what's left in the American diplomatic arsenal? The only real ammunition you've got is the threat to withdraw from active engagement in the process — to leave us and the Palestinians sinking in ever-dangerous Mideast quicksand with no Uncle Sam to play lifeguard or referee. Indeed, it would be easy for you to wash your hands of all this for a while, and let us stew in our own juices. But such a "plague on both your houses" approach would be wrong, tactically and morally.

Tactically, a US pullout would lead directly to more rounds of bus bombings and even worse violence. This would kill whatever constituency for conciliation with Arafat still exists in Israel. Our response would be tougher than ever, breeding even more Palestinian resentment and violence — and we'll sink even further into retaliatory cycles of hatred. All that pain wouldn't make people more supportive of compromise; it would dash confidence in the process and harden negotiating positions.

Backing away from the process would be wrong, as well, because it implies a moral symmetry between us and the Palestinians — equal punishment for two sub-born little boys. Now I understand that "evenhandedness" is an important diplomatic posture for a mediator. But bear in mind, Madam Secretary, that there's little moral equivalence between Palestinian and Israeli behavior. The Palestinians may not be

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enamored of the fact that we're building homes in and around Jerusalem, or that Netanyahu isn't going to choke off the natural growth of Israeli settlements over the Green Line. But when the process takes a downturn, we're not planting bombs in their markets or kidnapping their children. The Arab builders, plumbers and electricians working on my home will still come to work — I'm not

The Arab builders still come to work — we're not going to slaughter them — while I wouldn't dare step foot in a Gaza or Nabulus neighborhood

going to slaughter them — while I wouldn't dare step foot in a Gaza or Nabulus neighborhood.

Only here will a grass-roots peace movement take to the streets to encourage the democratically elected government to press ahead with reconciliation, despite it all. Even if there were a Palestinian Peace Now equivalent (there isn't yet, unfortunately), Arafat would never let it openly criticize his policies.

Moreover, most of us Israelis attempt to avoid dehumanizing, racist defamation of the "other side," even if we repudiate certain Palestinian leaders or their self-proclaimed "rights." None of us recently have accused the Palestinians of distributing cancer-bearing food products and hormones that harm male virility (PA Deputy Minister of Supplies Abdel Hamid al-Qudsi); talked incessantly of taking revenge against Palestinian "dogs" and "wolves" (two favorite images for

Israelis on the Voice of Palestine and in PA Mufti Ikrama Sabri's Friday sermons on the Temple Mount); or suggested that we were being infected with AIDS by the other side.

Yes, believe it or not PA representative Nabil Ramlawi told the UN Commission on Human Rights in Geneva that "Israeli authorities injected 300 Palestinian children with the HIV virus." And, I haven't yet mentioned Arafat's thinly veiled calls for violence or winks and kisses for the Palestinian jihadniks.

NO, there's no parity in the Palestinian-Israeli ethical equation. Even when trying to be an honest broker for peace, take into account that Prime Minister Netanyahu's recalcitrance isn't synonymous with Arafat's confrontationism and calumny.

The peace progress and regional stability are central to US Mideast policy, but so are the moral bonds between the US and Israel. The integrity of the process is not everything — not at all costs and not under all circumstances.

And one more thing. The transparent "revolving-door" arrest gimmick — whereby the PA paramilitary casually brings in a couple of Hamas buddies for a temporary layover in detention, only to be released shortly after when the press is no longer looking — won't wash any longer. Especially since the lines between Hamas terrorists and the PA police increasingly are becoming blurred.

It sounds banal because it's been said so many times, but we won't take more "risks for peace" unless our Palestinian neighbors act like the partners in peace they're supposed to be.

Lately, it's hard to tell our friends from our enemies down in Gaza (or in Cairo, for that matter.) Perhaps you can help us sort them out.

The writer comments on current affairs.

Cleaning our consciences

The dinner discussion focused on the case of the Yemenite children who disappeared in the early years of the state. Why, it was asked, are the people responsible for the kidnapping and forcible adoption of children still unaccountable for their actions? Surely, we continued, it is time for the state to stand up, admit past injustices, and place those responsible on trial.

But, it was argued, the present government would not be able to undertake such action. What sort of punishment could be meted out to people in the last years of their lives? It would be impossible to send people in their 80s to prison.

Better, it was suggested, for the government to simply let the issue drag on for another few years, until no survivors remained. Only then would the state feel free from any constraints and would it be prepared to make a public apology, perhaps even establish a museum or other national monument in memory of the missing children.

An uneasy silence. The significance of what had just been said was clear to all of the discussants. Where had we heard a similar argument, one which was, and continues to be, totally rejected out of hand?

Throughout Europe, particularly in Britain, it is heard over and over again concerning the bringing to trial of the few remaining Nazi war criminals. Why, the governments argue, bring to trial a few frail, elderly pensioners 50 years after the event? Let bygones be bygones.

The response was immediate. How can such a comparison be made? As terrible as the events surrounding the disappearance and kidnapping of Yemenite children was, this can in no way be compared to the evils of the Nazi

DAVID NEWMAN

torturers. Nothing can ever be compared to the singular act of bestiality which took place in Europe. It is a different league altogether. It is not worthy of comparison.

Some will see the comparison and others will not. But while the specific situations are vastly different, the dilemmas and moral questions which are raised bear comparison.

It is time for the state to publicly apologize to the Yemenite community for the disappearance of its children

ALL too often, we fail to learn from the experience of other societies. How many of us, for instance, are prepared to make the comparison between Israel holding negotiations with former terrorist leaders and the recent British decision to hold talks with members of Sinn Fein? The immediate reaction is to dismiss the comparison because the two situations are so vastly different.

But perhaps they are more similar than we like to admit. From an Israeli or British perspective, we are talking to people who, by our own definitions, were engaged in past terrorist activities — regardless of whether we support the cause of one, while rejecting the cause of the other.

We have a tendency to see everything that relates to our own Jewish and Zionist experience as

being unique, not comparable with any other situation. We do not like the suggestion that perhaps we have something to learn from the experience of another country undergoing similar dilemmas.

The Holocaust remains unique, but the basic moral question concerning how we deal with the perpetrators 50 years on is not vastly different from the one that would face us if we decided to bring the suspected child kidnappers to trial. The sad fact remains that an evil act, a national blemish, was perpetrated against the Yemenite immigrants in the 1950s — not by murderous Nazis, but by fellow Jews in whom the new and inexperienced immigrants had placed their trust and hopes.

Perhaps what is needed is some form of "truth" committee, similar to that which is taking place in South Africa at the moment (another difficult comparison?), one in which the surviving actors would own up to their guilt and then receive a public pardon.

A continuation of the present situation, one committee of investigation followed by another — and another — without any concrete action taking place is not a solution. The only beneficiaries of these indecisive steps are the Uzi Meshulams of this world.

The state too, regardless of which party is in power, must make a clean breast of this affair. It must make a public apology to the Yemenite community on behalf of the Jewish people. Only in this way can our collective consciences even begin to be cleansed.

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No games or tricks

GAD YA'ACOB

It would be a mistake to underestimate Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in her efforts to bring peace to the Middle East. After four years as the US ambassador to United Nations, Albright has been through the thorns of Middle Eastern diplomacy more than once.

As Israel's ambassador to the United Nations during these years, I worked with her one-on-one and we struck up a mutual friendship along the way. Reflecting on this period of collaboration, I can recall several instances that demonstrate the secretary of state's outlook and style of doing business.

In mid-May 1995, the UN Security Council held a vote on the Israeli government's land expropriation in Jerusalem. The affair enraged the international community and placed the political status of Jerusalem at the top of the agenda. All security council members, including the United States, rejected Israel's position. Nevertheless, Albright used the veto power of the US and prevented an anti-Israeli resolution from passing. I did not ask her to do so, knowing the price of the veto was liable to be charged to Israel's account.

After the vote, I thanked her. I told her that I knew that it was not an easy day for the US and Israel. She replied that even if the veto was necessary, she hoped Israel wouldn't put the US in a similar position in the future. "Please, don't do that again," she said.

We always spoke openly and honestly — "without games and trickery" as she would say. Even when we disagreed, we did not surprise each other with unknown positions or facts. She is a courageous, forthcoming,

Madeleine is straightforward, genuine, aggressive and decisive

honest and wise individual, who surveys reality in a sober and intelligent manner.

No issue is outside of the purview of her readiness to act or join. She is an involved and caring person, and deeply recognizes the obligation of the US to defend democracy and human rights. This stems both from her background as an immigrant to the US who had escaped the Nazis, as well as her schooling and character.

When I requested that the UN General Assembly mark the end of the 30-day mourning period following the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, the UN secretary-at-large hesitated because of the unprecedented nature of the observance. Madeleine helped me to secure this unique commemoration, and both of us also opened the General Assembly's discussion of this issue. She said that Rabin was a rare mix of personal courage and great statesmanship, and that we had an obligation to continue in his path.

Lord Weidenfeld was the first to tell me that Madeleine's father, Joseph Korbel, was a Jew who converted. She did not say a word of this to me, except for the story of her move to Britain before World War II, her return to Czechoslovakia and then immigration to Colorado. Still, my wife Nella would always say "She acts like a Yiddische mama."

Madeleine is straightforward, genuine, aggressive and decisive. She confronted the Egyptian ambassador and the Palestinian observer at the UN when she perceived that their remarks were liable to injure the peace process. Her commitment to peacemaking is absolute — like her loyalty to the US and its president, with whom she has worked for the past 10 years.

At the farewell dinner Madeleine hosted for us at her apartment at the Waldorf Astoria, she said, "Together, we forged a new path for Israel among the international community, and became personal friends, and close family. For this I owe you a debt of gratitude." I owe her a debt of gratitude for her personal friendship, her dedication to the peace process, for her aggressive position against religious fundamentalism and threats of war, for her support of democracy, humanitarian values, her decency and courage.

When she visits Israel and the Middle East, I suggest that we act honestly and forthrightly, because this is her style.

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Talking against time in a 'placeless place'

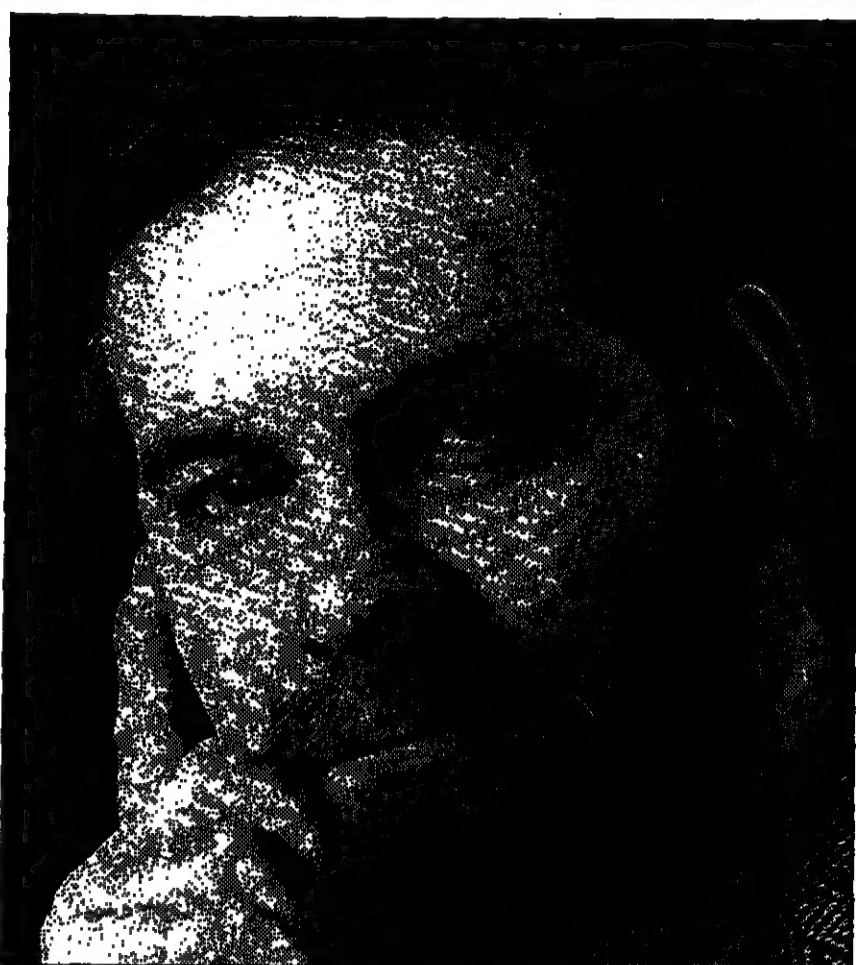
The Holocaust has been the professional focus of Michael Berenbaum's life for 30 years, as student, teacher, scholar, author, journalist, administrator and key figure in the creation of Washington's US Holocaust Memorial Museum.

To survive mentally and emotionally, he has learned one lesson: "The only way to deal with death is to be immersed in life."

For the last six months, Berenbaum, 51, has been immersed in shaping his new job as president and chief executive officer of the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation. The foundation was established three years ago by filmmaker Steven Spielberg, after he directed *Schindler's List*, to videotape eyewitness accounts of the Holocaust and create the largest multimedia archive of survivor testimonies ever assembled.

Its accomplishments so far are impressive: Close to 32,000 interviews,

Steven Spielberg's Holocaust oral-history project is reaching out to haredim and survivors from other groups like Jehovah's Witnesses, Gypsies and German male homosexuals. Tom Tugend in Los Angeles spoke to Michael Berenbaum, the new man in charge.



Berenbaum: 'The only way to deal with death is to be immersed in life.' (Arnold Kramer)

'A museum is a place to which you bring people. Our task is to bring experience to people.'

each averaging two hours but sometimes lasting up to five hours, have been completed in 29 languages and 44 countries.

Some 400 new interviews are being added each week.

Yet the massive project is falling short of its self-proclaimed goal, which was to complete 50,000 interviews by the end of this year.

Berenbaum accepts responsibility for the shortfall. He ascribes it to changes in interviewing techniques he has initiated, and to pushing beyond the boundaries that were originally set.

"We have retrained our interviewers," says Berenbaum, citing one example in which a slight change in approach can yield surprising results.

"We are currently interviewing people in their sixties, who were children during the Holocaust," he says. "In talking to one woman, we might have

asked, 'What was your family life like before the war, when you were a seven-year-old girl?' We would have gotten

an answer, but it would have been from the perspective of a mature adult looking back on her childhood."

Instead, the interviewer shifted the perspective by requesting, "Take me around the family table during a Shabbat dinner. Where did your father sit? Where did your mother sit?"

Suddenly, Berenbaum recalls, the woman's face took on a Shabbat-like radiance; she started sounding like a seven-year-old as she relived the actual setting and experience.

The foundation is also seeking out interviews among survivor groups that have, until now, been reluctant to participate, such as haredim.

"They are deeply suspicious," says Berenbaum. "They don't know who Spielberg is, they distrust Hollywood."

Berenbaum, however, went to New York and managed to persuade one of the "great Hassidic masters" to talk to him. Their first session lasted more than five hours.

"The most painful thing for him to talk about was the first time he had to violate Shabbat by being on a train taking him to Auschwitz," says Berenbaum. "But he also spoke with great warmth about a Reform Jew, a Hungarian and fellow inmate, who managed to make potato soup for him each day so that he could keep kosher."

When there are no Jewish survivors from a certain location, a more round-about approach is now being taken.

"For instance, in the Belzec extermination camp in Poland, 600,000 Jews were killed within 10 months by a staff of 42 Germans and 102 Ukrainians," Berenbaum notes.

"There were only five survivors of Belzec, and they are all dead. The only witnesses left are the Polish laborers who worked in the camp. I was in Poland last month to arrange to interview them."

Berenbaum is also turning to other groups of Holocaust victims, in what he calls his "expansion category" — Jehovah's Witnesses, Gypsies and German male homosexuals.

"Through these witnesses, we can learn what was singular to the Jewish experience and what we shared in common with others," he explains.

After raising \$45 million, the foundation is now launching a \$50 million fund drive.

"To reach the goal, we have two enormous assets and one enormous liability," says Berenbaum.

"The first asset is the path-breaking nature of our work, and the second is the name and standing of Steven Spielberg," he adds. "Our liability is

also Spielberg, with people asking why they need to contribute if he is around."

Berenbaum's answer is that the Shoah Foundation must have broad-based support to retain its credibility. All of Spielberg's personal profits from *Schindler's List* are going to another project he established, called the Righteous Persons Foundation. However, Spielberg has put both his private resources and a great deal of time and energy into the Shoah Foundation.

"This year, Steven is busy with three feature films," says Berenbaum. "Next year, he has promised to dedicate his time to his family and the Shoah Foundation."

GIVEN the more intensive outreach, Berenbaum's staff of over 200, modestly housed in converted trailers on the Universal Studios lot, expects to

have 42,000 interviews completed by the end of this year, the remaining 8,000 are scheduled for 1998. What will happen next is to be decided by the foundation's board of directors this fall.

"I think there will be a temptation to keep the interviews going until we have reached the last living survivor, but that decision will also depend on funding and other factors," says Berenbaum.

Even if the interviews stop in 1998, digitizing and cataloging them through a highly sophisticated computer operation will take another three to five years, Berenbaum estimates.

Berenbaum draws a comparison between his previous and present work places.

"A museum is a place to which you bring people," he observes. "Here our task is to bring experience to people. We are a placeless place."

Another way of doing history

Though the survivor interviews may seem like a simple and straightforward way of doing history, a people's history, it may change the way of seeing the Holocaust, all the while pushing the envelope of computer technology, Berenbaum says.

"We are keeping our options open," he says. "We are not sure what the future will bring, but we are sure that the past is worth knowing."

Plans under consideration are speeding up the process by which the interviews are being conducted. Berenbaum says that the foundation is now looking for ways to speed up the process by which the interviews are being conducted.

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In the future, Berenbaum says, the foundation will be looking for ways to speed up the process by which the interviews are being conducted.

The foundation's mission is to create a multimedia archive of survivor testimonies, and to make it available to the public in a variety of formats.

EARTHLY CONCERNS



Experts often clash over whether to protect wildlife or native populations: Eskimos watch trapped grey whales being freed in Alaska. (Reuters)

Whose turf is it, anyway?

By DYORA BEN SHAIL

Somehow one just assumes that environmentalists, wildlife specialists and conservationists work in tandem with social anthropologists, who are interested in protecting the native populations in remote areas. After all, they're all good guys, aren't they?

It's far easier to imagine a confrontation between a logging company or a mining concern and any one of the above. Unfortunately, social anthropologists and wildlife experts don't always find themselves on the same side of an issue.

Conflicts can arise between two sets of needs: those of the local people, and those of the wildlife that shares the area with them.

Such a confrontation exists, for instance, in the Nagarhole National Park in southern India. There, some 6,000 indigenous people live in the park region —

along with about 40 Asian tigers, a rapidly vanishing species.

Park authorities and wildlife management experts want the people moved to another area because they hunt deer and other wildlife, depriving the tigers of enough prey for food. The social anthropologists object, maintaining that the indigenous people have always lived there and that hunting is basic to their culture.

An alternative to hunting and foraging, working on the nearby tea plantations, has been suggested, but the anthropologists see this as detrimental to the locals' social conditions.

It isn't only in India that this scene is being played out. Experts from organizations devoted to the protection of whales and seals, for instance, are constantly at loggerheads with anthropologists because some indigenous tribes in the Arctic Circle area are allowed to

hunt whales and seals to "preserve their culture and time-honored rituals."

In parts of Finland, the Lapp population kills off the local predators to protect its herds of free-ranging reindeer. But, as one conservationist pointed out, "The reindeer haven't been an economically productive crop since Chernobyl, when much of their feeding ground was contaminated. Today, the predators are hunted more out of habit than necessity."

The situation is the same in many areas of Africa, where native populations and wildlife share a common area. Both sides claim the moral high ground.

Anthropologists accuse wildlife conservationists of being "green imperialists" seeking to impose Western standards on people whose entire history and way of life stands counter to these changes.

It would be destroying unique cultures, forcing ethnic groups

to join mainstream society. It is unfair to the native people, they say.

The conservationists are no more restrained in their own charges. They hold that the native people are simply better off joining mainstream society, and add that encouraging them to remain in their ancient ways condemns them to a life of bare subsistence.

"What these anthropologists want," says Dean Macomber, a wildlife activist involved in conserving Arctic species, is a living anthropological museum where they can serve as curators.

There are undoubtedly grains of truth on both sides of this thorny issue. But, as usual, those most concerned are rarely consulted. The animals cannot express an opinion; and, as the experts slug it out in an interdisciplinary battle, no one really listens to the indigenous populations.

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For today's Technion: the sky's the limit

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

There are some high-flying professors at the mini-city that serves as the Technion's campus in Haifa.

Take, for example, Prof. Brian Silver, a usually down-to-earth chemist who appears in a multimedia show at the Technion's completely refurbished visitors' center. He appears, Mary Poppins-like but without an umbrella, floating behind a hovering lectern in a capsule built to look like the interior of a spaceship. With a snap of his fingers, scenes from any of the 19 faculties and departments on campus are presented on a large screen in the auditorium.

A visit to the new \$1 million Alex Coler California Visitors' Center is a must for anyone planning to be in Haifa. The 10-year-old building is located on the eastern edge of the giant campus. Technion management realized that the old exhibits, mainly printed pamphlets, were outdated for the 21st century. David and Janet Polak, along with other supporters from the California Group of the American Technion Society, donated the funds to transform the building. It is the only center of its kind in any Israeli academic institution.

There are computers linked to the Internet, by which visitors can cybersurf not only to the Technion's Web site (www.technion.ac.il), but to any site on the Net.

The center also has a number of multimedia workstations where, in Hebrew or English, one may be introduced to the Technion through video film, sound, and text. The only thing lacking are earphones so each viewer can interact without disturbing other users.

The multimedia program, produced by Compugraphics Solutions of Givatayim, can also be viewed in the comfortable 130-seat auditorium, which is more pleasant than the average movie theater. Just outside, covering a large wall, is a spectacular aerial view of Israel positioned horizontally – the result of a detailed satellite photograph of the area.

"We can personalize the presentations," notes Wayne Firestone, the Coler Center's director. "Many groups are sent to us by the Foreign Ministry

and the Ministry of Industry and Trade who want to know more about Israeli science and technology. We can use the computer to greet the group personally as an integral part of the show."

Since its opening in June, thousands of people have passed through the center, which is free and open Sundays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The multimedia show is based on a sophisticated digital system of compression technology, says Amir Zmora, the Technion's public affairs director. With beeping lights and cosmic sound effects, Prof. Silver, in his "virtual studio," floats across the screen and "lands" in any of 286 predetermined sites in the 100 buildings on campus. Researchers raise their heads from their microscopes and scanners to talk about their work. Watching advanced graphics and zoom-in video film photographed from a helicopter, the viewer feels he is soaring over the campus like a bird.

Each building is depicted as a three-dimensional computer drawing. With a click it comes to life in its actual setting among the trees of the Carmel.

Silver also introduces Technion president Prof. Zehev Tadmor, who personally greets the visitors. One gets the feeling that the learned president has taken time off from his busy schedule just to say hello.

Another high-flying Ph.D. is Alfred Filzer, a communications engineer who immigrated from Leningrad and is now involved in the Techsat 2 project. Although he isn't suspended in midair like Prof. Silver, most of his thoughts are aimed at the skies – just like the antennae on the roof of his lab, which are positioned directly toward various satellites.

The Gurwin Techsat 2, which weighs less than 100 kilos but packs a powerful load of circuitry, is due to be dispatched by a civilian Russian missile company later this month. An aircraft two years ago failed when the military missile SS-25 crashed on takeoff, dashing years of work by Technion faculty and students. A 48-centimeter cube built to run on solar energy, the satellite in the Asher Space Research Institute lab looks unimpressive – but its capabilities and assignments in

space will be remarkable.

The Israeli-made communications satellite should perform better and at only a fraction of the cost of American or European satellites. Filzer notes that it will serve as a platform for various experiments, including a first-ever space experiment on high-temperature superconductivity. It will also study the clouds, monitor radiation, and examine the ozone layer. In addition, it will provide communications services to ham radio operators and carry a digital camera for remote sensing.

The satellite should function 700 kilometers above Earth for two to five years. Since it is completely solid state (no moving parts), it will not require lubrication. Containing gyroscopes, the satellite will be able to position itself in space automatically, says Filzer, who will fly to Russia to attend the launch.

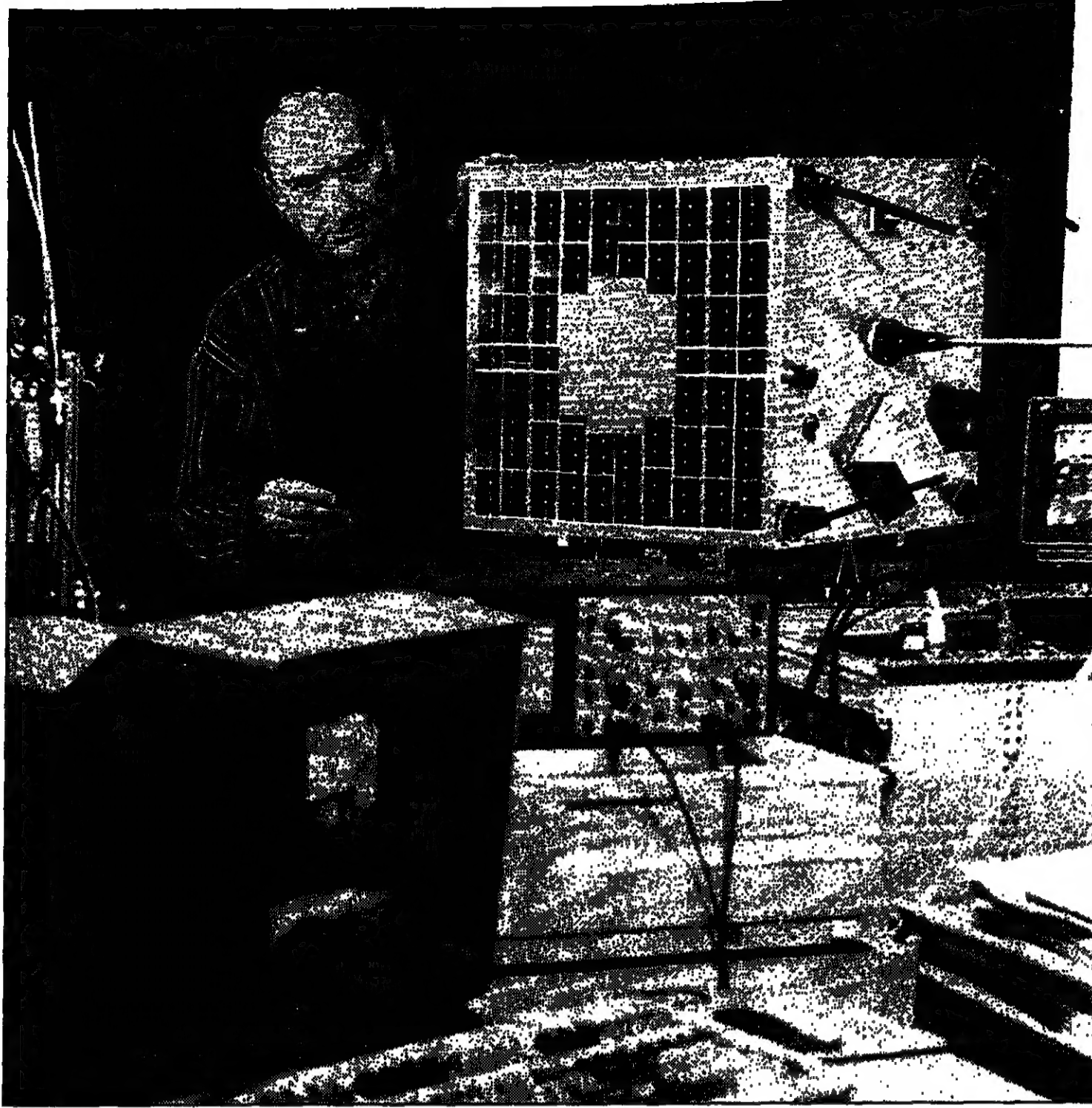
His feet firmly on the ground at the Technion's department of electrical engineering, department dean Prof. Yehoshua Ze'evi nevertheless has high aspirations for Israeli technology. A graduate of the Technion, the University of Rochester, and UCLA at Berkeley, Ze'evi supervises 1,300 students in a highly demanded field.

"Applications jumped by 78% in just one year, and industry is desperate for well-qualified engineers. We accept only the best."

Every engineer can produce \$1 million a year for the economy, he notes. "The productivity of an Israeli engineer is higher than that of a counterpart in the US; these statistics have been proven."

Motokor, he adds, has 40 subsidiaries around the world, and every year it runs a careful assessment of their operations. "Motokor-Israel came out No. 1," says Ze'evi, some of whose graduates now work in that company.

There are 1,000 start-up companies in this country; more than in all of Britain, for example. "Not all of them will make it, as you must have something for them to do, at which Israelis do not always excel. The political situation is unstable. The Japanese, for instance, would love to do business with Israel, but they're waiting for peace. They don't want to worry about getting supplies because of a war, a closure, or tension. Since Israel's security is



A Technion staffer checks on the Technosat 2, due to be dispatched by a Russian missile company this month.

dependent on our economic strength, we have to promote technology to become economically independent."

Ze'evi urges the government and industry to invest more in basic and applied research.

"There used to be a 10-year gap between discoveries from basic research and actual implementation, but that has dropped to only two or three years, thanks to computer technology."

To promote technology and

lobby the establishment on its behalf, the Technion has established a 100 Club, consisting mainly of prominent Technion graduates. The voluntary group is headed by former finance minister Yitzhak Moda'i, now a suc-

cessful businessman.

"This country can witness a flowering of technology, but it has to be done right. We at the Technion are trying to put this message across to the government," says Ze'evi.

HEALTH SCAN

Range of donors for liver transplants

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

Organ transplantation units generally prefer using organs donated by relatively young people. But new research has revealed that at least when dealing with livers, there is no reason to reject the liver of a donor over 60.

In a recent article in *Harefuah*, the journal of the Israel Medical Association, the staff of the liver-transplant unit at the Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus compared the results of transplants using five organs taken from older people and 28 taken from younger donors. They conclude that if the older donor did not suffer from high-risk con-

ditions, there is no reason not to use his liver if a younger one is not available.

Since January of last year, five patients have received livers from donors over 60. Although the liver could optimally be preserved for no longer than 7.8 hours instead of 10.2 hours for a younger organ, the livers functioned well months after the surgery.

This is an important finding, write the Beilinson doctors, given the severe shortage of organs available for transplants, especially livers. At a transplant center in Paris, only 4 percent of the donors were above the age of 50 in the late 1980s, but by 1994, the figure had risen to 20%.

At the same time, if livers from younger donors are available, they should definitely be pre-

ferred, they continue, as there are indications that the risk of ischemic damage (lack of oxygen in the cells) to the recipient is higher when the donor was older.

Proper selection of donor organs and matching them with recipients are important factors in expanding organ transplantation in Israel, the Beilinson doctors conclude.

Mohel tips the scales

Jewish ritual circumcisors (*mohelim*) seem to inflict less pain on infants than do most physicians, possibly because of the tools they use, according to a US researcher. In a Hartford, Connecticut, study published in *Obstetrical Gynecology* involving 48 newborn boys, the magen clamp used by mohelim was found to be much quicker to deploy and less painful than the Gomco device favored by most doctors. Boys circumcised with a magen clamp had less than half the heart-rate increase and total crying time of infants circumcised with a Gomco. Blood oxygen levels also were higher in the magen infants, an indication that they suffered less stress, said Dr. Hema N. DeSilva, director of neonatology at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center. The researchers concluded that infants should be anesthetized to reduce pain, no matter which clamp is used.

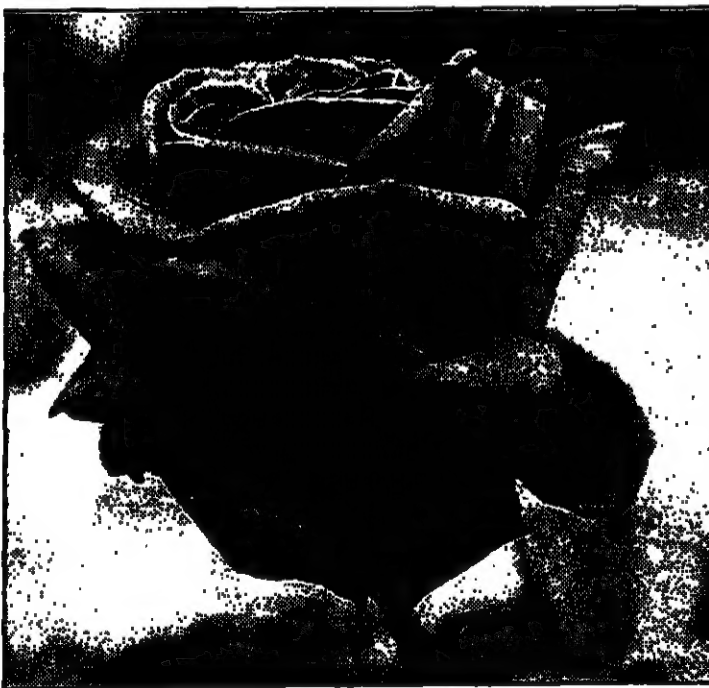
Rabbi Yehuda Lebovics, a Los Angeles mohel who has performed more than 10,000 circumcisions, commented that ritual circumcisors are much better trained for the procedure. "A mohel is used to working with a grandmother breathing down his neck."

Negev baby-makers

Soroka Hospital, which covers the entire Negev and delivers more babies than any hospital in Israel, now has another record. It boasts a higher success rate for producing babies by in-vitro fertilization than the national average.

The chances of having a live delivery after in-vitro fertilization is 21.2% at Soroka, and 26.2% if the ovum has been donated by a younger woman, compared to the national average of 20.0% and 23.2%, respectively.

TELL ME WHY



A rose by any other name would smell as bad if left too long in standing water infiltrated by bacteria.

Foul smells are a warning

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Why does the water in which cut flowers have been standing for several days remind me of the smell of bad (human) breath? Robbie, Jerusalem.

Prof. Mel Rosenberg, a microbiologist and halitosis expert at Tel Aviv University's dental school, replies:

Bad breath is produced by gases produced by bacteria on the tongue and in the teeth. The rotting smell of water in which cut flowers have stood also results from gases from bacteria as organic matter decomposes. Bacteria love water, where they multiply and emit gases. However, the types of bacteria involved in these two sources are different.

We've been programmed from ancient times to judge whether food and water are fit for consumption by their smell. It's a protective mechanism. So we consider gases produced by bacteria as a foul smell. These two smells don't seem similar to me, but they could be to other people. Putting a bit of bleach in the

water with cut flowers can prevent the bacteria from growing rapidly, but too much could kill both the bacteria and the flowers.

When I feel a sneeze coming, a quick look into a bright light hastens it on, while a light massage along the nose prevents it. Can you explain this? Esther, Tel Aviv.

Dr. Michael Wolf, a senior otorhinolaryngologist at Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer, explains:

It is true that strong light can – although only rarely – be a trigger for a sneeze; at the same time, various techniques, such as massaging the nose or other parts of the face, can reduce the urge to sneeze. These phenomena involve reflex action, but research has not been done to explain exactly how this mechanism works.

Have you always wondered about the scientific explanation for ordinary phenomena? Now you can get an answer. Mail your question to TELL ME WHY, The Jerusalem Post, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem, fax it to (02) 5389327, or send it by e-mail to jusie@post.co.il. Please include your first name and place of residence.

NEW WORLDS

Kibbutzim go on line

By POST SCIENCE REPORTER

The time when kibbutz members heard the latest information and gossip over soup in the dining room is over. Now that many kibbutzniks eat in their own kitchens and computer communications have advanced, the Kibbutz Ha'arzi movement is hooking its 85 kibbutzim up to the Internet via high-speed lines.

The movement is building a national communications center to coordinate the project. Kibbutz members will be able to surf the Web, search computerized databases, and hear the latest kibbutz news via an intranet. Every resident will be offered an e-mail address and be able to participate on-line in discussions and receive written reports of kibbutz meetings. They will also be entitled to take a computer course, for an extra fee, and launch a personal home page for \$100 per page.

The cost to each kibbutz is \$450 a month after an initial payment of \$5,450 is made for frame-relay infrastructure (yes, the figures are all given in dollars). The coordinator of the project is Yisrael Lavie.

The kibbutz movement has its own Internet site at <http://www.kba.org.il>, where more information can be obtained.

Envelope mystery unsealed

The factors that regulate the process of nuclear-envelope assembly in living cells have been described by scientists for the first time. This achievement was accomplished after years of work by a team of Hebrew University researchers headed by Prof. Yosef Gruenbaum of the genetics department.

The team identified the proteins involved in reconstituting the nuclear envelope following cell division and have described how these proteins connect with others found in the membrane of the cell nucleus.

Understanding this process is a significant step toward acquiring

a full knowledge of the genetic processes in the cell and the arrangement of genetic material within the nucleus of the cell. This understanding, say the HU geneticists, will also help to decipher factors involved in the development of autoimmune diseases.

During cell division (known as mitosis), the nucleus – including the nuclear envelope – splits apart. Reconstitution then occurs in the subsequent new cells that are produced. The decomposition and rebuilding of the nuclear envelope is a critical stage in mitosis. Although much has been learned about the structure of the cell nucleus and the process of cell reproduction, the process by which the nuclear envelope assembles itself remained a mystery. But the HU researchers managed to develop a system to reconstitute nuclei in embryonic extracts. They showed that two key proteins, lamin and otefin, are essential to the formation of the envelope.

The work was done using models based on the nuclear envelopes of fruit flies, which bear structural similarities to those of humans.

Top-rated labs

In a survey conducted by the US Geological Institute, the geochemical labs of the government's Geological Institute have been ranked among the 12 best in the world. Twice a year, the American institute conducts tests to determine the quality of chemical labs that serve the water-quality system in the US. In 1996, the analytical ability of 137 labs around the world was tested. Each was sent five uniform samples and each was asked to test for 94 chemical substances at varying concentrations, down to parts per billion.

The Geological Institute's labs, which are run under the aegis of the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure, have highly advanced equipment. They are able to detect contamination of underground water, dust, beach pollution and the quality of rainwater.

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DeFrantz becomes most powerful woman in world sport

By ADRIAN WARNER

LAUSANNE (Reuters) - Former Olympic rowing medalist Anita DeFrantz became the most powerful woman in world sport on Thursday.

The 44-year-old American, a bronze medalist at the 1976 Montreal Olympics, became the first woman to be elected as a vice-president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The IOC is a male-dominated body but DeFrantz has carved a successful career in the organization since she first became a member just 11 years ago. Some have suggested she might be a candidate to be president one day.

After the IOC session voted her into her new position by acclamation, the American said a woman could hold any post in the Olympic movement.

Asked if she thought it was time for a woman to take the top spot when Juan Antonio Samaranch steps down as IOC president in 2001, she said: "My election as a member of the IOC, to the executive board and now as vice-president proves that a woman is able to be elected to any position in the IOC."

"It proves that the Olympic movement believes in equality."

It is what you bring to the table. It doesn't matter whether you are a man or a woman...There will be more women."

The tall, radiant DeFrantz was



Anita DeFrantz (Reuters)

captain of the US rowing team at the Montreal Games and won a silver medal at the 1978 world championship before taking up posts in the National Rowing Association and National Olympic Committee in the US.

The American has a doctorate in law from the University of Pennsylvania and became a member of the IOC's executive board in 1992.

"This is an extremely important moment in the history of the Olympic movement," IOC director general Francois Carrard said.

"She is quite a strong leader, she has great experience as an athlete. She comes from a major country. She has always been very active in promoting the cause of women in the Olympics."

Athens wins 2004 Olympics

By JOHN MEHAFFEY

LAUSANNE (Reuters) - Reality triumphed over romance on Friday when the International Olympic Committee (IOC) voted to award the 2004 Summer Games to Athens.

In the latest battle between Greeks and Romans, Athens trounced Rome in the fifth round of voting for the 2004 Summer Olympics after Buenos Aires, Stockholm and Cape Town had earlier been eliminated.

Delegates ignored the emotional appeal of Cape Town and the chance of staging the Games in Africa for the first time despite a speech of measured eloquence from South African president Nelson Mandela.

Instead Athens won a majority in each round with Cape Town forced to a tiebreak in the first round with Buenos Aires before surviving to the fourth.

The decision to return the Games to the country which founded both the ancient and modern Olympics was a personal victory for Greek lawyer Gianna Angelopoulos, who headed the Athens bid committee.

Athens relied heavily on sentiment in its quest for the 1996 centennial Olympics and Greeks were both upset and bitter when Atlanta was awarded the Games instead.

Angelopoulos, a 41-year-old lawyer who speaks five languages and who is married to a billionaire industrialist, concentrated this time on persuading the IOC that Athens was a modern European country fully capable of staging the world's biggest sporting spectacle.

"The new Greece won today and we thank the members of the International Olympic Committee for this vote and for their confidence in us," she said.

Earlier, in a final presentation low on excitement but high on technical content, Angelopoulos directly addressed the question of Greece's competence.

"We stand before you for the second time in a decade," she said. "We realized, yes we should



OLYMPIC WINNERS - Gianna Angelopoulos (center) poses behind the Greek flag together with colleagues who worked on Athens's successful bid to host the 2004 Games in Lausanne on Friday. (Reuters)

improve our city, yes we should improve our environment, yes we should improve our infrastructure. "We have improved our city, we have improved our infrastructure. Our bid is from a new city." In his submission to the 107 voting members of the IOC, Mandela

said taking the Games to Africa would be an historic step forward. "It will give the African march to a new future the impetus it needs and deserves," Mandela said. "I am a 79-year-old South African who carries with me the frailty of age. But my presence

here today has brought a youthfulness to my spirit." South African Sports Minister Steve Tshwete, who was imprisoned on Robben Island with Mandela, said Cape Town would bid for the Games again and South Africa would have an even stronger case next time.

The 2008 Games is unlikely to be awarded to a European city as the Rome bid organizers were quick to realize.

"Now we know one thing," said Italian Olympic Committee president Mario Pescante. "The 2008 Games will be in South Africa."

Headley strikes to boost Kent title hopes

LONDON (Reuters) - England pacesman Dean Headley and Zimbabwe leg-spinner Paul Strang shared eight wickets as Kent stepped up their bid to win the English county championship on Friday.

Headley captured five for 92 and Strang snatched three for 40 to thrust Kent to a 272-run victory over the fourth and final day at Canterbury.

Kent, seeking to win the championship for the first time in 19 years, are now 12 points clear of second-placed Glamorgan, who were held to a draw by Surrey at The Oval.

England left-hander Graham Thorpe led a fightback by Surrey with a career-best 222 after his county had trailed by 234 on first innings.

Yorkshire moved up to third, 18 points behind Kent, after beating Worcestershire by 66 runs at Headingley, while Gloucestershire's defeat pushed them into fourth place, 27 points off the pace.

The top four teams each have two games remaining, with Kent facing a significant clash against Yorkshire at Headingley starting on Wednesday.

Kent's success over Gloucestershire owed much to Headley's ability to generate pace and bounce on a blameless pitch as the visitors, 59 for four overnight in pursuit of an improbable victory target of 482, slipped to 209 all out.

Glamorgan's attempt to force victory over Surrey was frustrated as Thorpe batted for more than seven hours, hitting 21 fours and beating his previous best of 216 against Somerset five years ago.

Surrey were finally all out for 487, but Glamorgan did not seriously chase a target of 254 in a minimum of 46 overs, left off on 107 for three with 14 overs left.

Yorkshire enhanced their title prospects when they bowled Worcestershire out for 205 after setting them a target of 272 in 71 overs.

Seamers Chris Silverwood and Paul Hutchinson took the key wickets of England discard Graeme Hick (4) and Australian Tom Moody respectively.

Moody made a disciplined 67 from 94 balls and contained a six and 10 fours.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Team	P	W	L	D	BT	PL	PS
Kent	15	7	4	4	39	52	220
Glamorgan	15	6	7	2	42	49	208
Yorkshire	15	6	7	2	38	40	202
Gloucestershire	15	6	4	5	33	52	193
Warwickshire	15	5	8	2	27	45	188
Nottinghamshire	15	5	8	2	27	45	188
Surrey	15	6	3	7	37	47	185
Worcestershire	15	4	9	2	41	46	180
Essex	15	5	5	5	37	47	178
Leicestershire	15	4	9	2	21	51	163
Somerset	15	3	11	1	32	46	159
Lancashire	15	4	6	5	29	46	154
Northants	15	5	7	3	27	42	138
Hampshire	15	2	9	4	38	37	134
Durham	15	2	8	5	21	48	122
Derbyshire	15	1	8	6	27	54	115
Sussex	15	1	9	5	21	51	103

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Orton, NY-J	25	18	270	5	0	0
Johnson, Tex	24	20	264	2	0	0
Blodgett, NE	39	26	340	4	0	0
George, Oak	37	21	298	3	0	0
Elway, Den	28	17	246	0	0	0
Blake, Cin	35	24	252	1	1	1
Testaverde, Atl	41	24	322	3	3	3
Collier, Balt	39	25	229	0	0	0
Humphries, SD	25	12	131	0	0	0
McNair, Ten	28	13	182	1	1	1

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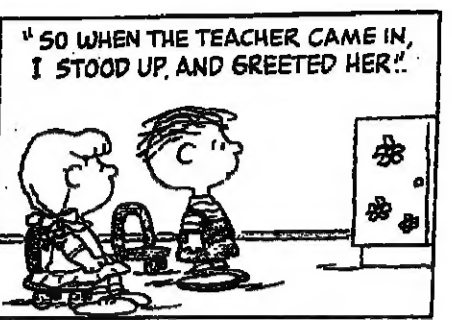
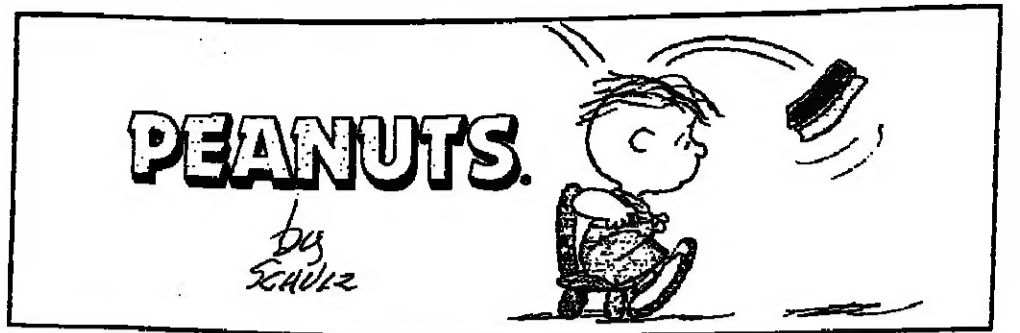
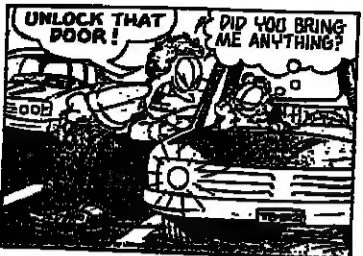
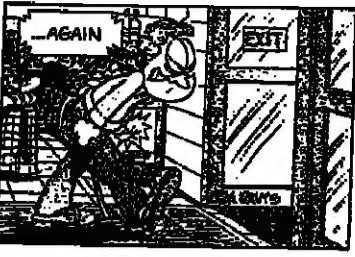
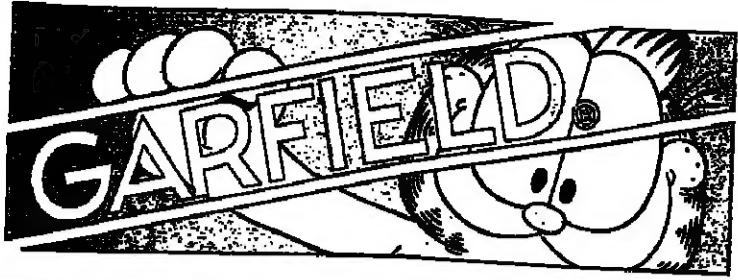
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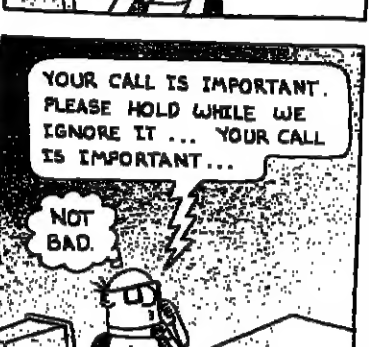
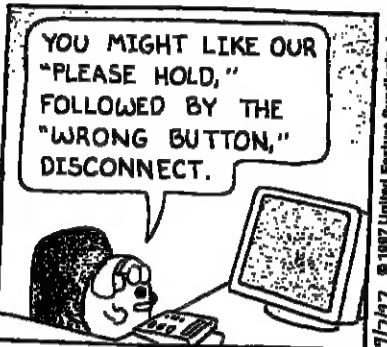
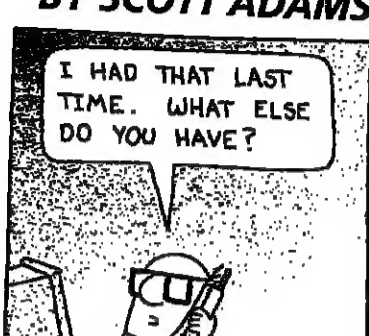
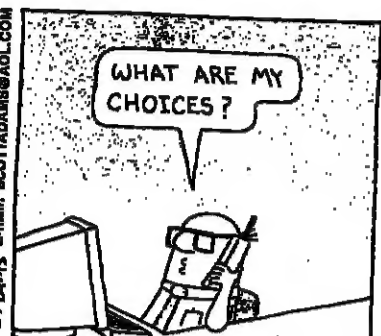
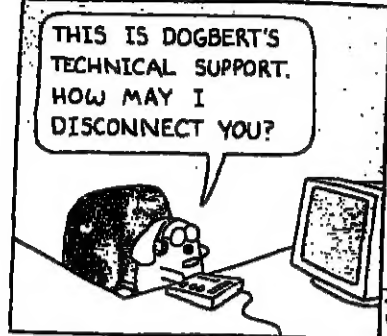
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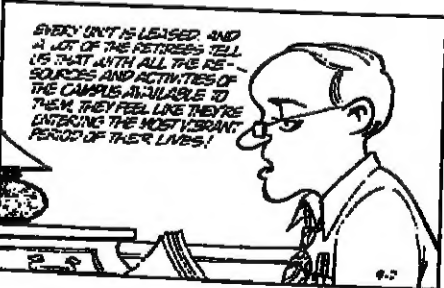


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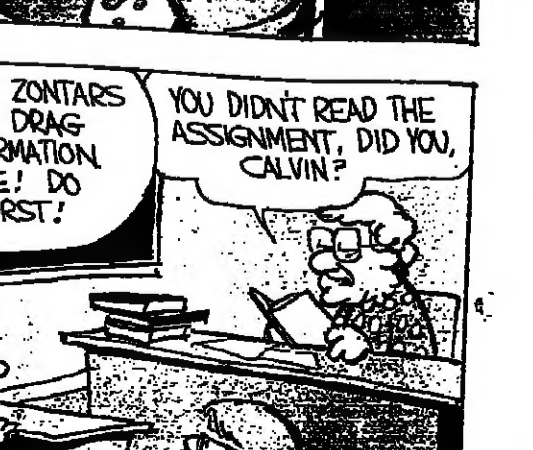
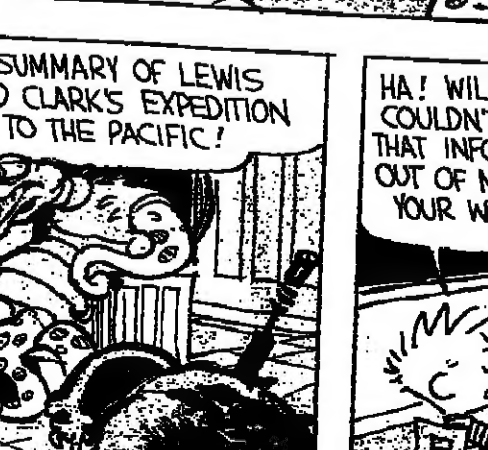
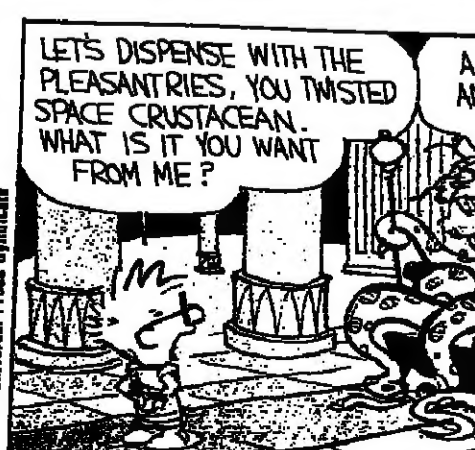
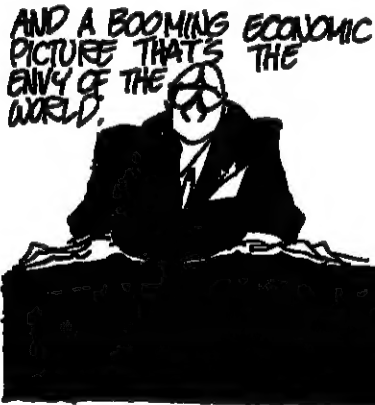


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*** ROSEANNA'S GRAVE - A surprisingly sunny film about death and dying, this is the tale of a simple but well-meaning trawler owner (Jean Reno) who lives with his beloved wife (Mercedes Ruchel) in a postcard-perfect Italian village where the cemetery has almost filled to maximum capacity. Roseanna is very sick and Marcello has embarked on a desperate campaign to keep the entire town alive and well so that, when the sad time comes, she might be buried in one of the last unoccupied plots. Unabashedly schmaltzy in places, the picture is, make no mistake, indefensible as art: shot in a too-quiet-to-be-true style on location, the film features American, British and French actors speaking English in phony-sounding (and occasionally incomprehensible) Italian accents, and Saul Turteltaub's script has a tendency to belly-flop into its stand-up-routine styled punch-lines. But the movie is charming in other, little ways. Reno's character is a singularly bawdy dark-comic creation. Ruchel is delightful as always, and director Paul Weiland demonstrates unusual warmth and sympathy for all the characters, whose sentimental situation is constantly being jogged just slightly by the story's wry twists and turns. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

*** BEAN - British comic Rowan Atkinson has lopsided eyes, big flaps for ears, almost no chin, and a sharp beak of a nose that slopes to a perilous point. His jaggedly disproportionate features seem expressly designed to help him make funny faces, and in the new film based on his popular TV character, he has ample opportunity to do just that. Bit for bit, *Bean* is constructed of some of the zaniest and most delightful physical comedy of the last several years, although attempts to recount this humor in words ("and then he puts a turkey in the microwave...") are bound to come up short, reducing the quirky comic logic of *Bean*'s bearing to a laundry list of predictable and abrupt-sounding gags. Most of these routines, though, build gradually, ingeniously, through a carefully choreographed progression of actions and reac-

tions, often of Bean to himself. Directed by Mel (*The Tall Guy*) Smith, and written by Richard Curtis and Robin Swicord (both veterans of *Mr. Bean*, the film takes shape as a hyperbolic whirlwind tour of L.A., where the very English Mr. Bean seems even more profoundly out of place than usual. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. General audiences.)

*** MEN IN BLACK - Barry Sonnenfeld's playfully off-beat parody of the Martin-science-fiction genre stars Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith as nattily dressed officers in a top-secret agency designed to track back of all alien life forms currently residing on planet Earth. The funniest thing about the film, which was written by Ed Solomon from a comic book by Lowell Cunningham, is its crisply matter-of-fact approach to good old worldly law and order. There's something at once knowing and rather resigned about the practical, slightly archaic way in which the MIBs go about their work - cruising their beat, drinking coffee from paper cups, pulling over alien-owned cars to check the driver's license and registration. Clearly, the universe is too vast and mysterious a place to be policed effectively by a few deputized mortals in a gas-guzzling Plymouth. But the agents do what they can to keep the peace, and their actions come to seem logical in a loopy, deadpan way: of course there are Martians on the streets of New York, and of course someone high-up must know about it. The movie pokes gentle fun at conspiracy theories at the same time that it honors them. With Linda Fiorentino, who doesn't have enough to do as a leggy corner/damsel in distress. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance strongly advised.)



Tommy Lee Jones comes face to face with an alien in 'Men in Black.'

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Munich victims remembered

Mourners mark 25th anniversary of attack in which 11 athletes were murdered

MUNICH (AP) - German and Israeli officials marked the 25th anniversary of the massacre of 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics on Friday with a ceremony honoring the victims and calls for the continued push for Mideast peace.

Mourners gathered outside the Olympic village apartment house that Arab terrorists stormed on September 5, 1972. Besides the 11 Israelis, five attackers and a German police officer were killed after a 20-hour standoff ended in a botched rescue effort at the airport.

Casting a shadow over an already dark occasion, the anniversary came just one day after the suicide bombing in Jerusalem's Rehov Ben-Yehuda.

Ambassador to Germany Avi Primor called the Munich violence a symbol of terrorism against Israel and emphasized that violence has not and will not stop the peace process between Israel and the Palestinians.

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel echoed those sentiments.

"The Munich killings did not achieve their goal," Kinkel said in Bonn. "They could not stop the difficult path to peace in the Middle East."

The Munich attackers - eight terrorists from the Black September movement - had

demanded freedom for 200 Palestinians jailed in Israel.

The Mossad methodically hunted and reportedly killed the PLO leaders responsible for the massacre, although the number of those killed is not known.

The PLO activist believed to have been responsible for planning the attack, Abu Daoud, was later sheltered by communist East Germany's secret service and lived there into the late 1980s. He now lives in Ramallah.

At the memorial ceremony, the widow of slain fencing coach Andre Spitzer criticized officials of both countries for not finding all those responsible.

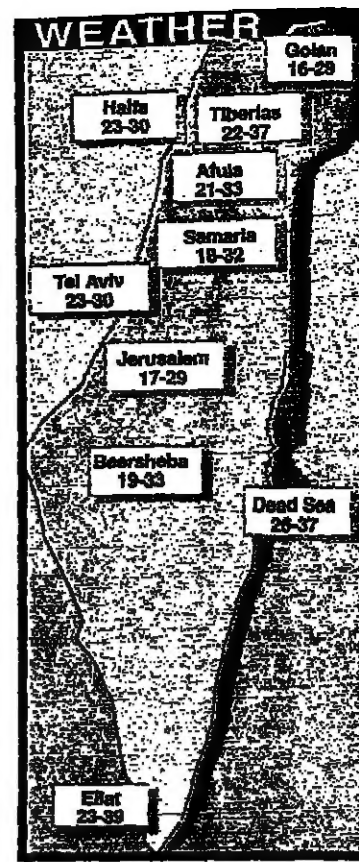
"We will not rest until all those responsible are brought to justice," said Ankie Rekhess-Spitzer. She last saw her husband 25 years ago on television, when he appeared at the window of the Olympic village dormitory room, acting as a go-between for negotiators and the terrorists.

Hands bound behind his back, he reported in German that all the hostages were fine except for one - and was promptly hit on the head with a rifle butt and whisked from sight.

Also attending Friday's ceremony were former Munich mayor Hans-Jochen Vogel and the leaders of the national Olympic committees from both countries.



Ankie Rekhess-Spitzer, the widow of fencing coach Andre Spitzer, one of the 11 Israeli athletes killed in the 1972 Munich Olympics massacre, speaks during yesterday's 25th anniversary commemoration in Munich. (AP)



AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW	HIGH	WIND	PRECIP
Amsterdam	56	68	21	70
Berlin	51	62	10	clear
Buenos Aires	12	64	21	70
Calcutta	21	81	21	70
Chicago	17	23	32	29
Copenhagen	15	24	23	73
Helsinki	17	23	23	73
London	15	24	23	73
Madrid	15	24	23	73
Moscow	15	24	23	73
New York	15	24	23	73
Paris	15	24	23	73
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Tokyo	15	24	23	73
Toronto	15	24	23	73
Zurich	15	24	23	73

New technique enables 'sterile' man to impregnate wife

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem doctors have reportedly become the first in the world to produce an implanted embryo by "fishing" for individual sperm in the testicles of an infertile man, who bears an extra female sex chromosome.

The man, 29, and his wife, 22, who live in Beit Shemesh, underwent the unique treatment at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem. The man, A.

and his wife Orit Hayoun, were overjoyed to learn yesterday that doctors viewed the heartbeat of the six-week-old embryo that had been successfully implanted in her uterus.

The man suffers from Klinefelter's syndrome, an abnormal condition of male sexual characteristics in which the body cells contain one or more extra X chromosomes. Normally, men have an X and a Y sex chromosome.

The characteristics of the syndrome

include infertility and atrophied testicles, and the condition affects one out of 900 men. The more extra X chromosomes the person carries, the more severe the abnormalities, but Hayoun has only one extra.

An in-vitro fertilization unit team, headed by Dr. Ahy Lewin and including Dr. Binyamin Reubini and Dr. Anat Safran, performed multiple fine-needle aspirations of Hayoun's testicles while he was under general anesthesia. They couldn't immediately see whether they had netted any

sperm, but after nearly eight hours of examining material under microscopes, they found two sperm.

They were used to impregnate ripe ova taken from his wife, and they developed into two embryos. But because of the 50 percent risk of the syndrome being passed on to the offspring, the doctors removed a single cell from each of the embryos. Chromosomal tests showed that one was normal, while the other bore Klinefelter's syndrome.

After consulting with the parents, who asked that only the healthy embryo be used, doctors implanted that embryo in Orit Hayoun, who is now successfully pregnant.

Lewin said that "ours is the first clinical pregnancy resulting from the aspiration technique on an infertile man with this syndrome. We saw the amniotic sac on the ultrasound scan and a beating heart."

The team plans to report on its achievement in a medical journal.

Rabbis try to block opening of Holocaust museum

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - A dozen Orthodox rabbis filed suit on Friday to try to block the opening of New York's new Holocaust Museum, the Museum of Jewish Heritage, saying its exhibit honoring homosexual Nazi victims offends Orthodox beliefs.

"The memorializing of homosexuals of the Nazi era is not only objectionable on religious grounds to plaintiffs. It wrongly memorializes Nazi-era homosexuals, who were prominent founders and leaders of the Nazi Party, who brutally persecuted Jews and who remained in high positions in the Nazi government until the end of World War II," according to the plaintiffs, who filed the suit in federal court in Manhattan.

The plaintiffs, including a dozen Brooklyn rabbis and two Roman Catholics from Queens, also contend that the use of public funds to commemorate only one religious group of Holocaust victims was unconstitutional.

A federal judge has scheduled a hearing for this week on the suit against the museum, which is scheduled to open on September 15. A spokesman for the museum, near Battery Park, had no comment on the suit.

Aloni backs national R&D council

By JUDY SIEGEL

Former science minister Shulamit Aloni has endorsed Science Minister Michael Eitan's plan to establish a statutory national research and development council to direct basic research and set national priorities in the field.

Although a ministry statement issued Thursday implied that Aloni supported Eitan's entire plan, including closing down the ministry, Aloni said she had not voiced her position on this issue.

"I didn't go into details," she said last week. The important thing, she added, is that an impartial, professional body would be given the status and responsibility for basic research, without political and other influences.

A science minister would still be needed, she said, to coordinate among the international scientific cooperation agreements through the Foreign Ministry; applied scientific research through the Industry and Trade Ministry's Chief Scientist's office; and basic

research at academic institutions and in industry.

Aloni said that she had initiated upgrading the existing National R&D Council into a statutory body with significant powers, and that the idea had been supported by her successor, Ze'ev Binyamin Begin.

Although Aloni said she favors having "a minimum of government ministries," whether the Science Ministry should continue to exist depends on what would be the result of a bill establishing an influential national R&D council.

"If the proper council were set up, everything else is peripheral."

Last Wednesday, after less than two months on the job, Eitan shocked his staff with his plans to close the ministry down. The scheme has not yet been approved by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, or Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom, who is due to take over as science minister in 10 months as part of a rotation agreement.

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Friday's papers responded to a dramatic week marked by tragedy and bloodshed both at home and abroad, even before the news of the deaths of 11 IDF commandos in Lebanon. The press focused on Thursday's triple bomb-attack in the heart of Jerusalem, which claimed four young lives.

In an article entitled "What will the future hold?" *Yediot Aharonot's* Nahum Barnea states that Israeli society is mature enough to bear the price of terrorist attacks. Barnea attacks Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for turning Arafat into an enemy and withholding a concrete policy. He adds that despair is so deep that some Likud members are accepting this as inevitable. "Netanyahu is not to blame for terrorism or Arafat's manipulative nature. He is at fault for not providing hope."

Ma'ariv's Chemi Shalev states that Israel is not fighting the terrorist infrastructure was proved "by the bloodshed of Israeli civilians." He adds that Netanyahu will use this attack in order to place terrorism and security at the top of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's priority list.

Ron Ben-Yishai of *Yediot* claims that the echoes of the attack on the Ben-Yehuda mall were meant to be heard in Washington. Hamas's main message is that it has the

ability to torpedo any process of which it does not approve and, most importantly, negotiations should also be held with Hamas. Ben-Yishai adds that Arafat has received "a slap in the face" from Hamas, proving that the latter endangers his status more than it endangers Israel.

Ha'aretz's Ze'ev Schiff writes that cooperation between Israel and the Palestinian Authority is bankrupt, for Arafat has proved that he is nurturing terrorism. "There is no prospect for success in Madeleine Albright's planned visit," he concludes.

Diana Marking the occasion of Princess Diana's funeral, Ron Miberg of *Ma'ariv* sums up the week following her death. He claims that a symmetry has finally been achieved after days of analysis: "Everyone of Diana's weeping fans has received his own villain."

Sima Kadmon writes in *Ma'ariv* that grief united all social classes. "What united them is the death of one princess and a few common adversaries: dissolute paparazzi, a drunk driver, and an impervious royal establishment."

In *Yediot Aharonot*, Anat Gov focuses on the worldwide love for the princess. She attributes this to the fact that "she took her destiny into her own hands and left her mark of benevolence on a merci-

less world." Neeman under attack Responding to harsh criticism of Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman's plans concerning the religious sector, the media attempted to present Neeman's side.

Nahum Barnea of *Yediot* states that Neeman has become the most popular man among the secular community: "No religious public figure has received such support from the secular sector since Yishayahu Leibowitz." Barnea also claims that Netanyahu knew that the struggle over the budget would create a great conflict with the religious sector, but believed that because Neeman is "one of them" he would be able to cope. "What Netanyahu did not consider is Neeman's... attorney-style bluntness, his loyalty to himself. Neeman did not get into an argument over the budget, but into a 110-mile kph head-on collision."

A poll conducted by Dr. Mena Zernah for *Yediot* shows that support for Neeman's proposal is much more widespread than perceived. To his proposal that yeshiva students undergo one month of military training then become integrated in the work force, 25 percent of haredim expressed support, as did 61 percent of the religious sector, 71 percent of traditional Jews, and 79 percent of secular Jews.

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